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AB101 Veto Protestors Beaten In State Capital

by Marghe Covino
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Sacramento, CA -- Despite agreements between State Police, Sacramento Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, and gay and lesbian leaders in Sacramento, several demonstrators who were arrested during the October 11 demonstrations against Pete Wilson's veto of AB101 were roughed up while in custody, and one was put in a potentially dangerous general population cell. One demonstrator was hurt in a confrontation with Highway Patrol officers on the onramp to Interstate Highway 5.

On Monday, Oct. 21, Keith Jensen, 19, of Sacramento, was to be arraigned on felony charges resulting from the impromptu demonstration on the I-5 freeway ramp near Old Sacramento. Reportedly Jensen was complying with an order to leave the freeway when he was apprehended by a Highway Patrol officer who pulled him off the grass and back on to the freeway shoulder. He was surrounded by officers who knelt on his face and repeatedly stepped on his legs, body, and back and kicked him while he was already on the ground. Jensen alleges that two officers had to restrain a third officer who was strangling him. The officer then kicked Jensen in the head and face before Jensen was led away.

In the jail Jensen was verbally harassed by officers--remarks were made about "faggots," and he was asked about his sexuality. Jensen said in an interview, "I regret telling them that I'm not gay or bisexual. When I told them that, the officer said, 'What the fuck are you doing here, then?' I told them that I believe in human rights for all people." Jensen said he is very frightened about being charged with a felony and said that officers in the jail had heard that he, Jensen, had struck a CHP officer. "They really were hostile and kept harassing me about it with remarks like, 'Oh, so this is the guy who likes to hit cops, huh?' and stuff like that." Jensen said that anyone that knows him will attest to the fact that he's a pacifist and would never raise a hand to anyone. "You can take a look at (the size of) me and take a look at my I.Q. and realize that I'm not that stupid; I'd never raise my fist to anyone," Jensen said.

"One of them kept threatening me, and when I tried to turn around and look at his badge, he said, 'Turn around or I'll fucking kill you. I'm not a CHP officer; I'll fucking shoot you.'"

Channel 13 - KQVR News was filming at the freeway scene but refused to release their videotapes to attorney Sharon Colwell who is representing the demonstrators. "They're going to make us jump



After an entire day of relatively peaceful protests (on October 11) monitored by State and City Police, activists faced Highway Patrol Officers on the onramp to Interstate 5. Within minutes one protestor was severely beaten.

through the hoops and send them a subpoena before they'll let us look at the tapes," Colwell said. "That's O.K. we can play that game. In the meantime we're following up on a report from a legal observer, Julie Schollenberger, an attorney from L.A. who was at the scene, that a private person also made a tape of the incident and is willing to give it to us," Colwell said.

In the meantime, Colwell said Jensen's charges have been reduced from a felony to misdemeanor. Jensen will be arraigned on the misdemeanor charges on Nov. 13. "Until that time," Colwell said, "in my client's best interests, I am limiting any press coverage to material which has already been reported. Later, we may have a fuller story to tell. I hope you will respect that." LIFE lobby's McBride said, "We've followed up on what happened to Jensen and found that, despite our agreements and in spite of the beaten condition he was in, he was put into a general population cell -- he didn't even have a shirt. It had been torn off of him."

Bob Rucker, 27, of Queer Nation in Los Angeles was struck on the left hand by a state police officer's baton while struggling for control of the metal barricades in front of the Capitol's West Steps. Rumors swept the crowd that Rucker's hand had been broken by an officer. In an interview from Los Angeles, Rucker said, "My hand wasn't broken, but I thought it was

because it was so swollen and discolored. Also I couldn't move one of my fingers, but I've since regained use of it and the swelling has gone down. I was warned by at least three officers that I would be hit by a baton if I didn't remove my hands. They gave me a lot of opportunity to follow their directions and stand down, and I chose not to do it. I have no quarrel with what they did at that time."

However, Rucker alleges that when he was arrested during the demonstration at the east side of the Capitol he was treated brutally and verbally abused by state police officers. "They were kneeling on my neck and using a compliance hold on the injured hand," he said. "When I told them about it, they continued to use that hold even after I was handcuffed. We could have gone into the Capitol; those doors were unlocked, and there were only a couple of officers there, but we chose not to do it -- so they didn't have to act out," Rucker said.

Rucker alleges that when he was taken to the basement holding area he was verbally abused by officers trying to frighten him about having to wear "the red jumpsuit -- I assume that's the one they make queers wear," he said. Rucker also said that a nipple ring he was wearing was torn out of his chest by an state police officer who pulled it out while standing behind him. Rucker said he was treated with

courtesy and concern by sheriff's officers at the Sacramento County Jail.

However, Rucker was even more incensed at the treatment of his friend, 19-year-old Chris LaRiviere of Los Angeles. LaRiviere was gay bashed in February and had sustained severe head injuries which left him with a seizure disorder. During the confrontation with the police over the metal barricades, LaRiviere went into a long seizure, and officers refused to call 911 for help. Rucker alleges that when a demonstrator called 911 the operator laughed and hung up.

A doctor in the crowd did respond to an announced call for help, but officers did not call for an ambulance until Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), contacted state police Captain Glen Glaser and convinced him to make the call. LaRiviere was brought to the emergency room and stabilized, but Rucker said he had a series of seizures on the plane back to Los Angeles where their plane had to make a priority landing because of his condition. It has now been established that LaRiviere had a cerebral hemorrhage.

Tom Brandeberry, 33, of Queer Nation, Fresno was arrested after the demonstration at the Traditional Values Coalition offices and the traffic stopping demonstration at 10th and L Streets in downtown Sacramento. He was arrested at 11

a.m., taken to the basement area and held for two hours on charges of resisting arrest. Brandeberry said he was left handcuffed in the van for two hours and, when he requested water, was verbally harassed and threatened both by uniformed and civilian personnel. He said he was told to "sit down and shut up -- if you don't shut up you'll pay for it." Brandeberry said he overheard officers talking about three counterdemonstrators who had been picked up for throwing rocks at the gay protestors. "They just said they'd cite them and release them and we'll just keep the fag," Brandeberry said. Later, when he was taken to the jail, Brandeberry was in a holding cell where the telephones were turned off. He began to pound on the door and demanded to be allowed to make his telephone call. He estimates he was in the cell over two hours when an officer came in and punched him twice in the stomach. When Brandeberry continued to pound on the door, demanding to make a call, the officer came back with three others and threatened him. "I'll chain you down so you can't move," is what he told me -- I can identify him and give a description of him too," Brandeberry said. He was unable to make a telephone call until 3:30 p.m. and was not released from custody until 10:09 p.m. "They didn't even take my

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Dear Editor:

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation published a comprehensively informative book last year entitled, *HIV From A to Z: A Self Care Manual*.

Because of its extraordinary breadth of scope and its first two editions a complete sellout, it is about to go into its third printing. This third edition will contain all new artwork-the production coordinated by Michael Himovitz. A gala event will be held at the Michael Himovitz Gallery to premier this third edition and to auction off the original art. Invitations will be sent in November for the event to be held on Sunday, December 1.

As well, Tower Books has been an invaluable book distributor.

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Child Molester: Straight

Dear Editor:

On 9-30-91, the KCRA 5pm news report aired Assemblyman David Knowles stating, "The reason why school officials refuse to hire homosexuals as teachers is because studies have shown they molest children 5 times greater than heterosexuals." How can a major television broadcaster allow this mis-information to be telecast throughout northern California?

As I understand, the studies have shown child molesters generally to be heterosexual, and most of the time they are either uncles or fathers.

Channel three has shown great irresponsibility to the viewing audience by not reporting facts, but rather allowing an example of homophobia to speak to a mass audience with distortion.

Homosexual people are classified as single on tax forms, meaning we pay the largest amount of taxes. Yet we have no real protection under the law. Equal taxes for

equal representation under the law in the land where everyone is considered equal does not apply to homosexuals.

Why do heterosexuals waste so much of their time worrying about who we sleep with?

David Andrews

Non-Gays Enjoy MGW

Dear Editor:

I faithfully read your publication cover to back page. I always think of so many things to say, and never get them down on paper.

However,-

- I'm straight, supportive of gay rights, and interested in local events.

- Your paper is well-done and always informative. I forward it to my son (also straight) who's an activist & thinks your paper is excellent.

- Don't forget to include straights who read & support you in your surveys.

- The coin box in your stand at the co-op is always stuffed with quarters. Enclosed is a check to cover the last 4 issues & then some, since I couldn't jam my money into the box on the last four tries.

Thumbs up & keep fighting!

Mary Ann Terpstra

[Editor's note: Our straight friends are appreciated more deeply than we can express. You sustain our hope that one day the hatred will end. Thank you for your letter.]

Unwrapping MGW

Dear MGW:

I understand your political point in deciding to send your paper unwrapped. However, I feel the manner in which you are doing it is quite inconsiderate and possibly dangerous for some people. To give people such a short time to notify you of their desire for continued privacy (deadline October 15 for an October 1 published notice!! A measly 2 weeks) is impetuous, rude, and indicates that your act was a last minute decision, poorly thought out and poorly executed. What about someone who's on vacation in those few weeks and comes back to find themselves ripped out of the closet by your unwrapped November issue? Without a public forum your policy, as executed, is sophomoric and lacking prudence.

Name withheld by request

Speechless

Dear Editor:

I am a white heterosexual male, but I am not a bigot. Every once in a while, I come across an example of bigotry--which is a combination of fear and ignorance--that is so blatantly shocking, it leaves me speechless.

The latest example is a letter in the October 20th *Sacramento Union* written by one G. L. Welch of Fair Oaks. This guy must really be proud of himself. He certainly

doesn't have any shame. Boasting about his ideas about discrimination, this is exactly what he said:

"On the way home from work the other day I stopped at the corner mom and pop store and got into the usual discussion about the neighborhood and the general state of America. The owner, Max, said, 'Thank God, did you see Wilson vetoed AB 101? If I had to hire a gay in here, I'd lose two-thirds of my customers!'" I said, "Max, I don't know about two-thirds, but I know you would lose me."

Maybe that's why anti-discrimination laws are needed. Max sounds like a piece of work, too.

Allen Turner

Betrayal!

Dear Editor,

How should we respond to the dreadful betrayal of Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101, the lesbian and gay rights bill? Some say we might as well give up; others say violence and disruption is the only answer. Probably neither approach is necessary or helpful. Here are some of the givens:

Lesbians and gays are numerically in the minority. We don't control the levers of power in society, but we're not powerless. There are millions of us, and we have many talents and much wealth. We have friends in high places. For example, the State Legislature has twice passed a lesbian and gay rights bill, and polls show that a majority of Americans support equal rights for lesbians and gays.

I believe these facts dictate a course of steady as you go, in which we elect more lesbians and gays to public office, and which supports and educates our friends and isolates our enemies. Basic to this approach is the need to bring more lesbians and gays into the mainstream of the community, so as to apply their talents and money to the task at hand.

Violent responses to the Governor's betrayal are understandable, but they vindicate our enemies, alienate our friends and make currently private lesbians and gays reluctant to come out and be associated with the movement.

Lambda Letters and you have an important part to play in all of this. Our letters, tip sheets and other materials also help to educate and mobilize the community.

Please spread the word about Lambda Letters. Working together, we shall overcome!

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Women Want Results

Dear Editor,

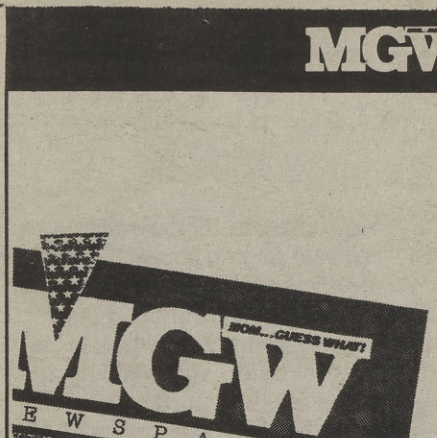
Women in California have many gynecology problems.

We are not being informed explicitly, or in a timely manner, about the negative results of our Pap Smear Tests, or our Mammography Tests.

Gynecologists in California ought to be required to notify women in writing of our Pap Smear Tests, with the words positive or negative.

Joanne Zusmer

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RCDC Submits Plan In City Redistricting

by Karl Greene
OF MGW STAFF

If present plans are adopted by the city council, lesbian and gay voters may have more clout at City Hall than they've had in years. Plans worked out by the River City Democratic Club, the Latino and African-American coalitions and by city council members, call for placing most of the midtown area in one single city council district instead of splitting midtown among three districts as it is now.

Months ago, the Sacramento City Council started a major project called redistricting. Also known as reapportionment, redistricting is the process of changing the boundaries of city council districts to reflect the city's population changed of the past ten years.

The law requires all cities, and counties and states, to complete this redistricting process after the federal census every ten years.

The Sacramento City Council adopted an unusually "open" process for redistricting - a process which gave virtually every citizen of the city a chance to participate in preparing the new council district boundaries.

For a couple of months this past summer, city staff conducted more than a dozen community meetings all over Sacramento to inform residents about the process and to solicit their opinions about possible changes. In addition, city staff made available to residents a computer program which made it much easier for citizens to handle the complicated mathematics involved in redistricting.

Several different community groups participated in the process including the Summit on African-American Concerns, the Latino Coalition for Fair Redistricting, an Asian-American coalition, the Sacramento Old City Association and various neighborhood groups.

The lesbian and gay community was represented by the River City Democratic Club. The last time redistricting was conducted in Sacramento was ten years ago; the gay community did not participate at that time. But, local gay political groups did not exist at that time.

At its June meeting, RCDC heard from Tom Hoeber, a former city councilmember who headed the redistricting project ten years ago, and from Rosanna Herber, an RCDC member and a staff member at City Hall, who explained the process to the gay political club.

Herber urged RCDC to participate, pointing out the benefits of being seen as a full-time player in the game of city politics. The club's Political Action Committee, under the direction of Robert Jordan, took on the task with the goal of uniting all of the downtown and midtown area in one council district.

Although lesbian and gay voters live throughout the entire Sacramento area, the greatest concentration of them is in the downtown/midtown area where the Lambda Community Center, MGW newspaper, most of the gay bars and several gay-owned businesses are located.

For the past ten years, that area has been divided among three council districts, Heather Fargo's District 1; Josh Pane's District 3; and

Tom Chinn's District 4. Several gay activists believed that this split meant that no one on the city council was "responsible" to the gay community. They argued that if just one councilmember represented all, or most, of the area, that person would be obligated to actively represent gay interests.

In addition, some noted that one district with a large gay voting population could elect a gay councilmember in the future.

Jordan's redistricting committee included Michael Boyd, Katie Merrill, Karl Greene and Sue Charles. Jordan attended numerous community meetings throughout the city to get a broad understanding of the subject. He and Boyd spent many hours preparing RCDC's proposal for the city council and presenting it at public hearings. Merrill and Greene attended several meetings with ethnic community groups.

What they came up with was the almost revolutionary idea that all of downtown and midtown - the entire Central City - could be combined into one district. Moreover, they did so while still honoring the African-American community's determination to keep all of the Meadowview area in one district.

After presenting that proposal to the city council, it was clear that changes were needed in order to

accommodate, not only gay interests, but also those of the Latino, African-American and Asian-American communities.

So, RCDC's representatives met repeatedly with representatives of those groups to develop a common plan on which they could all agree. After numerous and lengthy discussions at homes throughout the city, they agreed on a plan which honored the Latino request to keep Alkali Flat in District 1, which honored the Asian-American request to keep much of the Southside area in District 4, and which still placed most of the heavily gay midtown area in District 3.

"There is no question about the cooperation we got from the Latinos and African-Americans in this process," said Jordan. "They redrew their map several times to accommodate our interest in the midtown area. We learned a lot from this project, and one of the lessons was that so much is possible when groups work together in coalition."

The city council's final plans for redistricting will be announced this month. It is already obvious that the local lesbian and gay community will fare better than it did ten years ago as a result of RCDC's participation in the process.



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Protestors At Radisson

A small group of protesters gathered on October 24 outside the Radisson Hotel where Pete Wilson was holding a fundraiser celebration of his 25th year in "public service."

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Take A Deep Breath

We can call it a call to arms or a wakeup call. We can point to the statistics that show the man was out of step with public opinion. We can tout the new spirit of activism that was born that day. We can congratulate ourselves for pacifism and revel in the coverage our protests gave to our issues. All of these are true and valid responses to that terrible Sunday when the governor disowned us. But damnit, it still hurts! It seems these past two weeks have been a time to let that hurt sink in. The protest at Governor Wilson's 25th anniversary fundraiser attracted only a handful of people, and the enthusiasm sagged. Minor conflicts between individuals in the community have escalated into angry words and damaged friendships. Many of us have opted to stay home by the fireplace rather than go out. More than one person has complained of fatigue and ennui. The phones at MGW have rested silent for hours at a time. Old conflicts have resurfaced in a wave of displaced anger. Post-protest depression.

We need a time of healing. Maybe we should all meet somewhere in the middle of Lavender Heights, link arms, and take a collective deep breath, or two, or ten. Those of us with strong shoulders (or a fabulous outfit with great padded shoulders) could offer them to those who haven't yet had a chance to cry. Those of us with a gift for words could deliver a eulogy for the past efforts and a gentle hint of the future. We could hug and comfort and reassure. We could affirm each other's sadness. We could remind ourselves of our connection to each other.

Then again, who's up for doing the planning? Who would tend the fireplace? In a little while we can start again. In a couple weeks we can apply for permits, network with the police, activate the phone tree, work out logistics, do all the things responsible activists do. For now, let's give ourselves a moment to sit quietly and heal. If a lesbian sister snaps at you, give her a hug. She's been through a lot. If a gay brother bitches more than usual, invite him for a cup of cappuccino by the fire. He needs the break. If you are out of sorts, give yourself the room to vent without guilt. Let's be good to ourselves for a time, and to hell with the others. Then maybe tomorrow... ▼

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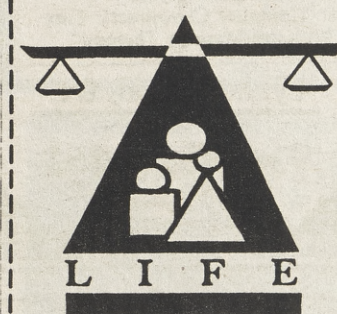
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Overdue Tribute

by David K. Eckert, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
OF MGW STAFF

On Saturday, November 9th, 1991, at 11:00 am at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on the grounds of the state capitol, a very special event will take place, a ceremony honoring the veterans of America's armed forces, especially those veterans who are gay and lesbian. The special guest of honor at this event will be Rev. Dusty Pruitt, pastor of MCC Long Beach, whose case against the Army was recently heard by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. For the first time in history, the court told the Army (and, by inference, all of the armed services) that they were going to have to prove in a court of law (in this case, the Supreme Court of the United States) why gays and lesbians were not fit for military service. The court specifically stated that the reason used up to now by the services, i.e., that the presence of gays and lesbians constitutes a morale and discipline problem within the ranks (translation: that a significant number of personnel within the armed forces are homophobic), is an unacceptable defense. It isn't known at this time whether the Army will appeal the 9th Circuit's ruling. If they don't, then Dusty Pruitt will probably be reinstated in the Army Reserves if she chooses. If the Army does appeal, they must abide by the court's instruction and prove that she (or any other person) by reason of sexual orientation is unfit for service. Given Captain Pruitt's outstanding service record, that will be a major undertaking.

The ceremony on the capitol grounds will be significant for another reason. Part of the power the Department of Defense (DoD) has had over gay and lesbian service members in the past has been the fear of disclosure and eventual dismissal. Only after retirement or

separation have people felt safe to reveal their sexual orientation. It is really unknown how many gay and lesbian service members there are (so the 10% rule has been applied in most cases--that's how the estimate of 50,000 gay and lesbian participants in Desert Storm was arrived at). As a result, the organizers of this event are asking active duty gay and lesbian service members to take the next step, to show Sacramento (and the world) how many of you there really are. We are asking you to attend the ceremony on Saturday, November 9th. In uniform. With two small adaptations for your protection. We are asking that you not wear your name tag on your uniform and wear a brown paper bag over your head while you are at the ceremony. This sounds like a bizarre request, I know, but I can't think of a more powerful visual image than the sight of a row of active duty military personnel lined up at a ceremony honoring our country's veterans with brown paper bags over their heads. Why is this necessary? Because the Department of Defense, who would otherwise look upon these folks as fine, patriotic, upstanding individuals, would immediately begin separation proceedings if there was any suspicion that they were gay or lesbian. What nonsense! Let's take away some of the power of the DoD. Let's give the world some idea of how many of us there really are. Come to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on November 9th at 11 am, hear Dusty Pruitt tell her story, and, by your very presence, whether active duty, separated or retired, strike a blow for freedom! ▼

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They Didn't Listen to the Voice Inside

The following was from the *Los Angeles Times*, Oct. 4, 1991: *Craig D. Hartzman, a San Francisco businessman who was former Gov. George Deukmejian's deputy scheduling secretary and assistant for international visitors, commented on Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101, the gay-rights bill. Hartzman was a Sacramento resident.*

As an openly gay man and registered Republican who served on the personal staff of Gov. Deukmejian for eight years, I find it difficult to once again accept this slap in the face to some of California's most productive citizens.

During my years as a Deukmejian staffer, I had an important role to play by my example of educating a very uninformed staff about the realities of gay life and, I hoped, to enlighten people who are making decisions affecting mine and millions of other lives.

I thought it was important that they realize that not all gay men and women in this nation embrace the actions of such groups as ACT UP and Queer Nation: that many are hard-working, taxpaying citi-

zens and have even been loyal Republicans for years. I felt that it was better to work from the inside.

After spending six years traveling almost every day with Deukmejian and given my acquaintance with Wilson, I cannot comprehend how these two honest gentlemen could veto such responsible legislation. The only possible explanation is they chose to bow to the pressure of the extreme Republican right.

This bill did not offer quotas nor affirmative action, neither of which I endorse. To defend this bill by saying that the cost of litigation to small businesses was the driving force behind their vetoes is nothing other than pure political smoke screens. Gay people, who face discrimination every day, merely feel that government should provide protection for employees against hatred, as is offered to all other citizens.

Unfortunately, after attending many senior staff meetings in the Capitol and listening to how important decisions are made, I can assure you that the voice of California is not listened to. During Deukmejian's two terms, I saw first-

hand how the majority of issues are debated on the merits of politics and whether the governor's office was winning the war against the Legislature, rather than whether the people of California would be better off by their decisions.

I believed in the Republican Party and hoped that the governor would stand up for its basic principles. Regrettably, I now feel like a citizen who has no representation. As an international businessman, I am concerned about the economy and foreign affairs. However, social issues have now become much more important to me as I watch the old-boy network continue to ignore my civil liberties. For that reason I must give up my Republican membership.

My grandparents came to this country to escape horrible persecution in Europe. Gov. Deukmejian spoke often about his similar family history. I can tell you unequivocally that my grandparents would be ashamed of Gov.'s Deukmejian and Wilson. They have turned their backs on some of California's finest people. ▼

Babcock Lawsuit

A lawsuit against the gay and lesbian support group Seventh-day Adventist Kinship International Inc., by the Seventh-day Adventist Church resulted in a victory.

The Seventh-day Adventists filed suit seeking to bar the Kinship organization from using the name "Seventh-day Adventist" or its acronym "SDA" in their corporate name and advertising.

Judge Mariana R. Pfalzer said, "There is no term that adequately describes an adherent to the religion of Seventh-day Adventism other than 'Seventh-day Adventist.' The term is, therefore, generic because it refers to a religion and is not entitled to trademark protection," said Pfalzer. ▼

Partners

The Sweetwater Springs Water District voted to pass Resolution #66 instituting policy in regards to Affirmative Action hiring and Domestic Partners. The district encompasses Rio Nido, Guerneville, Monte Rio, Villa Grande and Reins Beach in Northern California.

For information: The Sweetwater Springs Water District, Box 729, Forestville, CA 95436. ▼

Berkeley Domestic Partners Program

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

BERKELEY, Calif. -- The city of Berkeley, which made history in 1984 by becoming the first municipality in the country to begin registering domestic partners, took the next step in that program - not coincidentally on National Coming Out Day, Friday, Oct. 11 - by expanding partner registration to the general public.

Berkeley becomes the fifth U.S. city to enact general, citywide partners legislation. Unlike other partners laws, however, the new Berkeley registration process is open to anyone, whether or not they live or work in the city. The registration program, like many others, requires that the two partners must be 18 years of age or older, live together and "share the common necessities of life," are not married to anyone, are not so closely related as to bar marriage under California law, and are responsible for each other's common welfare.

In addition, the partners must agree to file a termination notice if the partnership ends and that nei-

ther has filed a termination within the past six months. Affidavits must be filed in person.

For the \$30 registration fee, the Berkeley city clerk's office issues the couple a domestic partners certificate that can be a requirement by employers or service providers as verification of the partnership as part of a private benefits program.

The extended partners registration was unanimously approved by the city council on Sept. 10 after leaders of the East Bay Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club had urged them to expand the program.

The program was kicked off at a gala registration ceremony at the Berkeley City Hall. ▼

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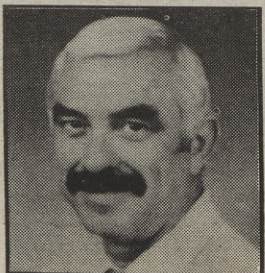
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D. A. Says: Navy Helping Gay-Bashers Avoid Trial

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- The U.S. Navy's annual "Fleet Week" celebration got underway here Oct. 12 with a chilly reception from the district attorney's office which said the Navy may be sending sailors charged with gay-bashings out to sea to avoid criminal prosecution.

Navy officials flatly denied the charges, but conceded there may have been "miscommunication" between prosecutors and the Navy's legal department in the past which the two are now working to overcome.

Assistant District Attorney Ken Cady, who took over the city's hate crimes prosecution team in March

of this year, said he found that at least five U.S. sailor who had been charged with anti-gay hate crimes had failed to make scheduled court appearances in recent months because they had in the meantime been shipped out by the Navy.

"I noticed there were several cases that had outstanding bench warrants," Cady said, "meaning people had been charged and hadn't showed up for court." Cady said the first such case he examined, involving a sailor named Brian Banks, who is stationed with the USS Mauna Kea, revealed that Banks had made several pretrial court appearances, but failed to show up on the scheduled trial date.

Banks was free on his own recognizance because, Cady said, naval officers usually assure the

courts that they will make certain the sailors will show up for the trial, and the judges take their word for it. Cady said prosecutors have not in the past contested the lack of bail in such cases because of the Navy's assurances.

Cady said that shortly before the actual trial, Banks had been shipped out, and that every subsequent case of sailors facing warrants on gay-bashing charges had also been shipped out by the Navy.

"When the time for trial came, he wasn't there because the Navy had shipped him out to sea," Cady said. "This is what happens in every case, where a Navy guy is arrested. They come to court, and some people from the ship come and say, 'We'll make sure they come to court.'"

Cady said later, however, when the preliminary hearing or actual trial comes up, the sailors don't show up, and when the DA's office tries to track them down, they discover their ships have already gone out to sea. Cady said that in the case involving Banks, who had been charged in a December 1989 batter on a gay man here, the 21-year-old sailor was finally apprehended only because the victim notified the DA's office that the Mauna Kea was back in port.

But even then Cady said authorities had difficulties arresting Banks. "They had trouble getting the ship to cooperate," Cady said. "They told me they couldn't get the guy off the ship."

Finally, Cady said, the Naval Investigative Service surrender Banks to police.

Cady said four other sailors from the USS Abraham Lincoln had been charged in a March 1990 assault of a gay man here. Four had shown up at two earlier pre-trial hearings, but had then failed to show up for a

June preliminary hearing. "Not one of them was there," Cady said. "They'd been shipped out to sea somewhere in the western Pacific."

Lt. Commander Sandra Stairs of the Navy's public affairs office, said there had been some "miscommunication" between the Navy and the city DA's office, but said the two were working out their difficulties.

"We're attempting to work with Mr. Cady and educating each other on how the two systems work," Stairs said. "We've established a dialogue now that we're aware there might have been a problem."

But Cady said his department isn't just going to rely on the good intentions of the Navy in these cases.

Earlier in October three sailors with the USS Antietam were sentenced to six-month jail terms after pleading guilty to assaulting a gay man earlier in August.

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books

A Stone Gone Mad: The Other Fifties

by Michael R. Gorman
OF MGW STAFF

"I'll meet you in the lobby in ten minutes. What do you look like? I feel like I'm making a date. I'm easy to spot. I'll be wearing a red coat, and I'm gorgeous."

I liked her already. There's something endearing about self-deprecating humor. It's difficult to interview someone who takes herself too seriously. I forgave her for the fact that I counted nine people in red coats in the ten minutes I waited. She wasn't gorgeous by conventional standards, but she was ... a presence. She was easy to pick out among the red coats.

"Random House told me we were to have lunch. Is that okay? I'm not very experienced with this sort of thing. It's my first novel."

"She" is Jacquelyn Holt Park, a college instructor currently living in New Milford, Connecticut who earned her Masters Degree from the University of the Pacific in Stockton and once taught English at Stockton's Stagg High. She is also the author of *A Stone Gone Mad*, a novel (released recently as a mainstream selection by Random House) about a lesbian growing up in the fifties.

Of her motivations for writing the novel, Park said, "I'm not a politically correct person. I'm interested in a humanist view of my characters. I am a person, and I'm part of a community of people, but I'm not pushing a political agenda. I want to present homosexuals as people. The book has universal appeal; relationship issues are the same in my life as in your life or my parents' life."

A Stone Gone Mad traces the life of Emily Stolle, a young lesbian growing up in the 1950's, whose sexuality is accidentally and dramatically discovered by her family, setting off a whirlwind of boarding schools, psychoanalysis, rejection and self-doubt. Although intended as one woman's story, Park's novel presents a very universal portrait of the alienation, pain and eventual triumph of the coming out process. Given the period, circumstances are more restrictive than today, but the struggle is the same.

Park stated that the novel is not autobiographical, at least in circumstances. "Things that happen to the protagonist are not what happened to me, but the issues are mine. My character's agony is not my agony. I had a good time living my double life."

That double life is reflected somewhat in the structure of the novel. The author weaves a third person narrative with occasional and subtle passages of first person reflection. The variation works given the subject of the novel, although the distinction between the two voices is often too slight to have the impact it could.

The real strength of Park's writing style lies in two very particular types of passages. The first of these is the plot driven passage, those sections of the novel which move the events inexorably forward, creating a catalyst for changes in the characters. Park begins and ends her novel with such passages, the first carrying the reader quickly into the story and the final leaving the reader as breathless as the character. The pacing is superb.

The second region of strength in Park's style lies in those passages in which she allows herself to wax poetic, particularly the scenes of lovemaking between Emily and the few women who represent more than just physical passion. The prose in these sections raises the coming together of these women to a spiritual plane filled with vibrant and life affirming images. The contrast between these moments and the empty alienation of Emily's experiences with men as she tries to "cure" herself say more than any political tract could about the need to respect the diversity of the individual. (Intent notwithstanding, the novel, like our lives, is political



whether or not we want it to be. Honesty makes us so, and this is an honest novel.)

Random House has released *A Stone Gone Mad* in October along with its mainstream fiction releases rather than in a specialty category. *The Library Journal* has given its thumbs-up, agreeing that the novel belongs with general fiction. Whether or not Jacqueline Holt Park succeeds as a major "crossover" writer, her prose deserves the respect that it is receiving.

Park would prefer not to be known as a "lesbian writer," although she concedes that the label might be inevitable in certain circles. "I'm not happy about that. If I'm seen as a lesbian, that's fine, but as Oscar Wilde said, 'To define is to limit.'"

"I'm not a rabble rouser. I have led a very discreet life. I enjoyed the double life. I would put on my duds to go to the bars in The Village, then come back like Clark Kent. Things were different then. I did what I had to do. I moved in both worlds so thoroughly and so comfortably, that I got a kick out of

it. I only regret that I was so honest. Maybe this book is my march in the streets, my protest. But it's the book I'm interested in. My personality is incidental.

"I'm not a spokesperson for anybody. It would be very presumptuous to sit above someone else as if I have some prophetic wisdom. I have none. I have only my own wisdom.

Park attributes her success in writing to her 17-year relationship with her partner. "Good relationships stabilize us, give us a rock. I'm proud of the fact that we are going into our 18th year. It's a creative, productive, human rock of a relationship. Before I met her, I was a wild and crazy person. Whatever talent I had flourished under this stable, directed union of two strong women."

A Stone Gone Mad represents a new odyssey for Park. "Before this novel, nobody knew I was gay: my dentist, the man at the grocery, my students. They know now."

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this new openness. "As you get older, wisdom sets in. I feel very dedicated to presenting homosexual life as very human. I show the good and the bad. We have the seeds of greatness and the seeds of poverty. When the world judges us, it should apply the same yardstick. Judge us human, and then let us be." ▼

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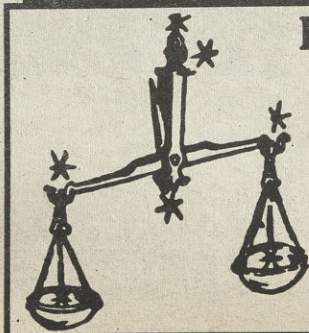
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HIV newsline

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Unexpected Results From Foscarnet

The drug foscarnet, approved in early October to treat eye infections that can blind people with AIDS, surprisingly also seems to add to survival time, according to government medical scientists. In announcing the unexpected result, officials at the National Eye Institute told doctors to try foscarnet as the first drug against cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis. Previously, people were given ganciclovir first, and foscarnet if the ganciclovir failed to work. Experts say they're not sure why foscarnet seems to allow people tested so far to live an extra four months or so, but it may be connected to the fact that foscarnet allows people to also take AZT. Early in the epidemic, doctors had virtually no way to fight CMV retinitis. Ganciclovir, approved in June 1989, slowed down the destruction of the retina, but could seldom be given together with AZT, because both drugs cause major suppression of the immune system. For many people, this meant choosing between keeping their sight and living longer. Even though foscarnet can be taken with AZT, many people will still be better off with ganciclovir because foscarnet can cause severe kidney problems. Both drugs are expensive and must be given at least once a day through intravenous injection.

Fundraisers Galore...

* Congratulations to the Rainbow Festival and Faces (and in particular Terry Sidie and Richard Boriolo) for raising over \$13,000 for Hope House and other community efforts in this city.

* Mr. Leather Sacramento, Randy Gray, will be holding his

monthly (fourth Saturday of every month) Bare-Chest contest at the Wreck Room. At every event, 50 percent of the raffle goes to a local AIDS charity and 50 percent to the winner (with winners often donating their winnings back). The contest runs through next August, and the winner each month gets to be in the Men of Sacramento Bare Chest Calendar for 1993. Calendar sale proceeds will also go to local AIDS charities.

* The country trio *Open Road's* recent benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand Project put hundreds of dollars in the AIDS Foundation's account. A pat on the back (yes, I said the back, up toward the shoulder area) to Steve Van Dyke, Scott Vorhees, and Jim Ralston (and his aloha honey Tim Larrabee, who contributed in his own unique way to the enjoyment!). Thanks also to their opening act, hilarious comedienne Karla Carmony.

Other Hand-2-Hand News...

Hand-to-Hand, project director Beth Maerten will be leaving the Foundation November 8. Her contributions and insight have been invaluable, and she will be missed. Congratulations to Kim Honeywell, who has been named to the director post, effective November 9.

Phony AIDS Treatment Stopped...

Vitamin supplements called "Immune Plus" made by White Cross Inc. of Texas will no longer be advertised as a treatment that could cause AIDS to go into remission and cause people who are HIV-positive to become HIV-negative. The Federal Trade Commission filed suit last February charging the company with making false claims.

French Held To Account...

An official French government report says government officials knew in 1985 that some of their blood supply had not been tested for the HIV Virus, but decided to allow existing stockpiles to be used during a five month period before more stringent rules went into effect, even though the blood could be contaminated. The Association of Hemophiliacs and the Association of the Victims of Transfusions believe that as many as 9,500 French people have become infected with the AIDS virus because of contaminated blood, but couldn't estimate how many infections occurred during this five-month period. About 400 people with hemophilia, and about 500 people who received transfusions for other reasons are now suing the government for damages. Criminal responsibility is being investigated, but no charges have yet been filed.

Clothing...

Sacramentans with AIDS or ARC who are in need of clothing -

- shirts, sweaters (size Med and Lg), business suits, shoes (size 11), jeans, pants (size 32,33), donated by the family of a young man who recently died of AIDS -- leave message for Sonya at 863-2518 x AIDS.


Open Road Does It Again!...

The Fabulous country trio Open Road's recent benefit for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand-to-Hand Project raised over \$1,500. The concert was great fun and a true project of love. Thanks to Steve Van Dyke, Scott Vorhees, and Jim Ralston (and his aloha honey Tim Larrabee, who contributed in his own unique way to the enjoyment!), and their opening act, hilarious comedienne Karla Carmony for working so hard to put money in the AIDS Foundation's account without being asked! Speaking of Hand-to-Hand, project director Beth Maerten will be leaving the foundation November 8. Her contributions and insight have been invaluable, and she will be missed.▼

Protection For HIV+

Governor Wilson signed AB 1281, by Assemblyman Filante, which strengthened protections against health insurance discrimination and loss of confidentiality for persons with HIV disease. The co-sponsors of AB 1281 are the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE Lobby) and AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA).

AB 1281 expands California's HIV testing laws to include newly marketed urine and saliva HIV antibody tests, as well as HIV antigen tests. The existing ban on using blood HIV antibody tests to determine insurability for insurance will now be extended to include these other tests. Contact: Anthony Spauve, APLA, 213/962-1600 x530 Alan Lofaso, LIFE Lobby 916/444-0424.▼



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Study Finds Men Engaging In Sex Not Disclosing HIV Status

A study of men infected with the AIDS virus shows that a sizable proportion are engaging in sex without disclosing their infection to sexual partners.

Researchers at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, reporting in the October issue of the American Journal of Public Health, found that sex without disclosure was occurring among 22% of a sample of 138 patients at a public HIV clinic in Los Angeles.

Nondisclosure occurred in conjunction with unsafe sex practices, such as unprotected anal intercourse.

The USC findings indicate that the more sexual partners an in-

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In that case, Cady refused to take Navy officials' assurances that the three would show up for trial and, using the other cases, had convinced the judge in the case to set bail at \$10,000 for each sailor.

Cady said he does believe the Navy is "trying to improve the situation," but added, "Given the Navy's track record and until things change, we're going to ask for bail on all of these cases."

Cady said prosecutors in other cities with significant naval installations - such as San Diego, Philadelphia, Long Beach, Calif., and Virginia Beach, Va. - should also look at Navy "no-shows" in criminal proceedings to see if similar patterns are occurring elsewhere. ▽

Who's Got The Letters?

by Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

Sacramento, CA — In a scenario reminiscent of the Lincoln-limousine fiasco which first marred Governor Pete Wilson's administration's credibility, the much-vaunted gap between supporters and opponents of AB 101 is in question. In the first weeks of Wilson's administration the purchase of several luxury Lincolns was reported. The report prompted a denial from Wilson's office and a statement that the cars had been purchased by Deukmejian. Later, it was acknowledged that Wilson had intended to use the cars and

that delivery had been made to his, not Deukmejian's staff.

During the controversy over AB 101, Wilson's staff has been making statements regarding the overwhelming number of cards, letters and calls against AB 101 being received by the Governor's office. This week, James Lee, in the Governor's press office said, "cards and letters in favor of AB 101 numbered 18,249 — 97 percent of which were from letters which required only signatures. Most of the letters and cards which were against AB 101 were hand written from a set format and numbered about 43,787."

Keith Johnson, office manager for the Lobby for Individual Free-

dom and Equality said, "That's a crock! From LIFE Lobby we personally delivered at least 80,000 pieces of mail to the Governor's office and that's a conservative estimate. We have four cases of photocopies right here in the office and each piece of mail that went to the Governor's office was copied. If they're willing to pay us for the cost of photocopying these again, we'll gladly deliver another full set for them to peruse."

In addition, Lee said that telephone calls in favor of the veto numbered 3,338 while those against the veto only numbered 1,145. He said the number of calls in favor of the AB 101 legislation numbered 4,194 while there were 46,488 calls

against. "There is no way of verifying the numbers of calls which went in to the Governor's office," Johnson said, "but telephone trees were mobilized all over the state and computer bulletin boards were activated so that office was inundated with calls — and there had to be a higher number than they're reporting."

"We delivered 10,000 to 12,000 more letters and signatures to the Governor's office when we wheeled the closet in to his office after the veto," Johnson said, "so I don't know who's doing their counting, but something is seriously amiss here." ▽

Eight Arrests So Far In S.F. Rioting

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- Three weeks after a massive demonstration protesting Gov. Pete Wilson's veto of AB 101 erupted into a violent riot that did an estimated \$250,000 in damages to a state office building here, police have arrested a total of eight people on charges ranging from misdemeanor vandalism to

felony arson.

Four suspects surrendered to police Monday, Oct. 21. The four were: Fernando Aguayo, David McCleve, Megan Teisin, all charged with misdemeanor vandalism, and Kenneth Bukowski, charged with felony vandalism.

Two suspects had already given themselves up to authorities on Friday, Oct. 18. They were James Kerley and Peter Altman, both of whom face felony vandalism

charges.

The six who surrendered to police have all been released on their own recognizance.

Two other suspects, Michael Haynes of Los Angeles and John Backstrom of Oakland, were arrested earlier this month. Backstrom, who is charged with felony arson, was arrested while trying to flee his East Bay home and is free on \$10,000 bail. Haynes was arrested in Los Angeles after being charged with another, unrelated crime.

During a march in San Francisco Sept. 30 protesting the veto,

several hundred of the estimated 7,000 marchers rioted outside the old State Building which houses the governor's San Francisco office, breaking windows, destroying a stained-glass entranceway, and setting at least two fires in the building. Police made no move to make any arrests at the time saying such a move would have escalated the violence and endangered police officers and protesters unnecessarily.

Authorities declined to say whether they were seeking additional warrants in connection with the rioting. ▽

Ng Back From Canada

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- Charles Ng, who fled to Canada from California in 1985 after authorities discovered 11 bodies, charred bone fragments, blood-covered weapons and a home-made torture videotape at a Wilseyville cabin he shared with another man, was returned to the state Thursday, Sept. 26, after the Canadian Supreme Court approved his extradition. One of the people Ng is accused of murdering was a closeted San Francisco radio disc jockey who had put an ad in a "swingers" newspaper looking for straight men for oral sex. The Canadian Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that Ng, 30, who faces a possible death sentence if convicted, could be extradited without violating that nation's Charter of Rights, which forbids cruel and unusual punishment. Canada abolished the death penalty in 1976, and Ng's attorney had argued in Canadian courts for the past seven years that his return to the U.S. and possible execution would violate the Canadian charter.

In July 1984, San Francisco radio disc jockey Donald Giulietti had placed an ad in "The Spectator," a local heterosexual "swinger" tabloid, seeking straight men for oral sex. Authorities say Ng answered Giulietti's ad, showed up and murdered him.

The Calaveras County sheriff's office took custody of Ng immediately following the Canadian court decision and flew him back to Sacramento where he was transferred to Folsom State Prison, one of the highest security prisons in Northern California. The San Francisco district attorney's office will also arraign Ng for Giulietti's murder after the trial in Calaveras County. According to police, Ng, a former U.S. Marine who told friends he considered himself a reincarnated Ninja Warrior, and Leonard Lake took part in more than a dozen sex-torture murders at their small cabin in 1984 and 1985. In addition, authorities say Ng by himself also killed at least six other people during that time.

Lake was arrested just before Ng fled the country but committed suicide while in custody by swallowing a cyanide pill he apparently was carrying with him at the time.

Ng was arrested in Calgary in July 1985 after wounding a security guard during a department store robbery. ▽

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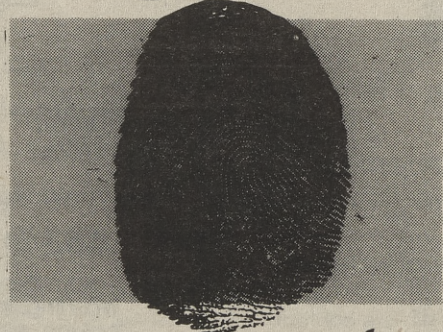
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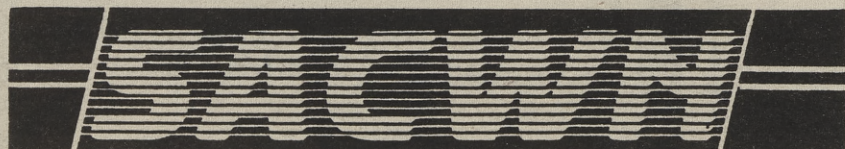
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flash

by John Batchlor
OF MGW STAFF

Emotional, Stressful and Up-lifting all come to mind when October flashes through my head. Lesbian and gay people have been injured badly by the governor's veto. However those "injuries" are on the mend thanks to every faction of our community. Just as with the Oakland fires, our people are rallying



Photo by Linda Birner

Greeting cards by *First Blush Card Company*, owned by *Joan Greenfield*, made the window display in San Francisco's *Does Your Mother Know* card shop in the Castro area.

together (literally). In times of crisis you see the best in people. At this time and especially on October 11, you saw the best we have to offer. Congratulations to **Susan Goodrich** who received an "Honorable Mention" in the **Sacramento Bee's** travel photo contest. Her award winning photograph entitled "Surfboards at Waikiki" won out over 2000 entries. Since the Bee did not actually print the photo, mable Susan will submit it to MGW! The arts are alive and thriving in Sacramento. **Dale Scholl Dance/Art** (formerly Jazzworks) made its debut recently with "Short Stories." The entire program was excellent but my personal favorite was "The Masque of the Red Death." This narration and dance was superb. The piece was enhanced by **Mark LiCalsi's** jolting voice. Kudos also to choreographer **Sunny Smith**. The **Sacramento Ballet** also made history with its splendid full length production of *Swan Lake*. The evening was over before this writer had a chance to breath. It was great to be at the Community Center for this sold out run. Both the **Sacramento Bee** and the **Sacramento News & Review** must be commended for their coverage of gay issues. The Bee printed an essay about lesbian/gay teens. The review highlighted a front page article however used the term "preference" which throws me off track. The term implies that there may be a choice in the matter. "Orientation" seems to be more of a logical heading. Keep writing and remember that word selection is the only

real "choice." The **Sacramento Men's Chorus (SMC)** scaled down its Halloween bash this year and ultimately had more fun. they also decided to make a little maney rather than losing thousands! The chorus performs locally with the **Silicon Valley Gay Men's Chorus** of San Jose on November 16-17. The concert will feature music by American composers exclusively! The **Lambda Community Center**

is proud to announce the return of everyone's favorite L.A. babe, **Dr. Marty McCombs**, for a reprise of his popular workshop. "Keeping it up" is a response to the long term coping needs of gay men in the



Festival Ends

The **Rainbow Festival** officially ended last month with the presentation of the final proceeds check at the "Mayor of Lavender Heights" ceremony at **Faces**. Mayor Ann Rudin (with Festival organizer **Richard Boriolo**) presented the \$13,000 check to Reverend Ed Sheriff of Hope House and Reverend Jerry Sloan of the **Lambda Community Center**. The money will be split between the two organizations. Mayor Rudin spoke of the admiration for the gay community in its continued efforts for the fair treatment of people with AIDS.

AIDS crisis. I attended this workshop last year and enjoyed spontaneous fun and thoughtful reflection. Hey - - Would **Lambda's Mr. Frank** or **MGW's Mr. Flash** steer

you wrong? Don't miss it on November 9! While visiting **Lioness Books**, Mr. Flash came across **The Lesbian News** out of Los Angeles. The periodical is about the size of **LIFE** magazine and packed with information. Stop by and pick up a free copy! Bars all over town continue to offer non-stop action.....the **Wreck Room** is always getting it's men to "take it off." their recent bare chest contest was "pecktacular.".....**Faces** celebrated our national gay holiday, Halloween, with three days of contests. Our creativity as well as distinctive brain cells must be genetic.....The **Buffalo Club** is evolving more and more everyday. The **Buff's** full liquor bar and restaurant are off to a great start.....Our Place presents "Open Mic Night" every Thursday. the evening is hosted by **Leesha a.k.a. Spacy Lacy** and **Ms. Gay Cowgirl**.....La Kish over at the **Mercantile Saloon** always has a charity event in the works. Sincere thanks for all the hard work.....**Joseph's Town & Country (JTC)** recently hosted **Leatherfest III**. Fantasies, demonstrations, a leather auction and a crafts fair all made the evening a Success.....The **Town House** is offer sending its delectible edibles to one charity or another. Be sure to stop by and sample them for yourself! Happy November Birthdays to **Joe Chase**, **Cheryl Engle**, **Jim Walker**, **Donald M. Eaton**. There's still one more chance to take my **Ballroom/Western** dance minicourse before the annual **Snow White** ball. The fun starts on November 18. There's finally a class designed with you in mind! as the autumn winds roll in, continue to let the politicians know that they represent your voice too. Until mid-November..... John



Photo by Sonya Cox

The **Hand to Hand** benefit by country trio **Open Road** raised over \$1,500 for the **AIDS Foundation** project.



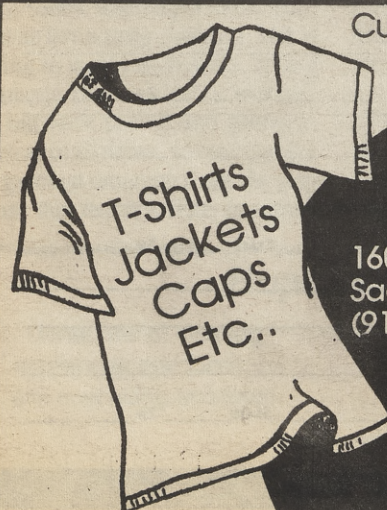
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Revellers at the **Sacramento Men's chorus Halloween Ball** on October 26.

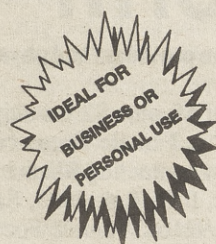
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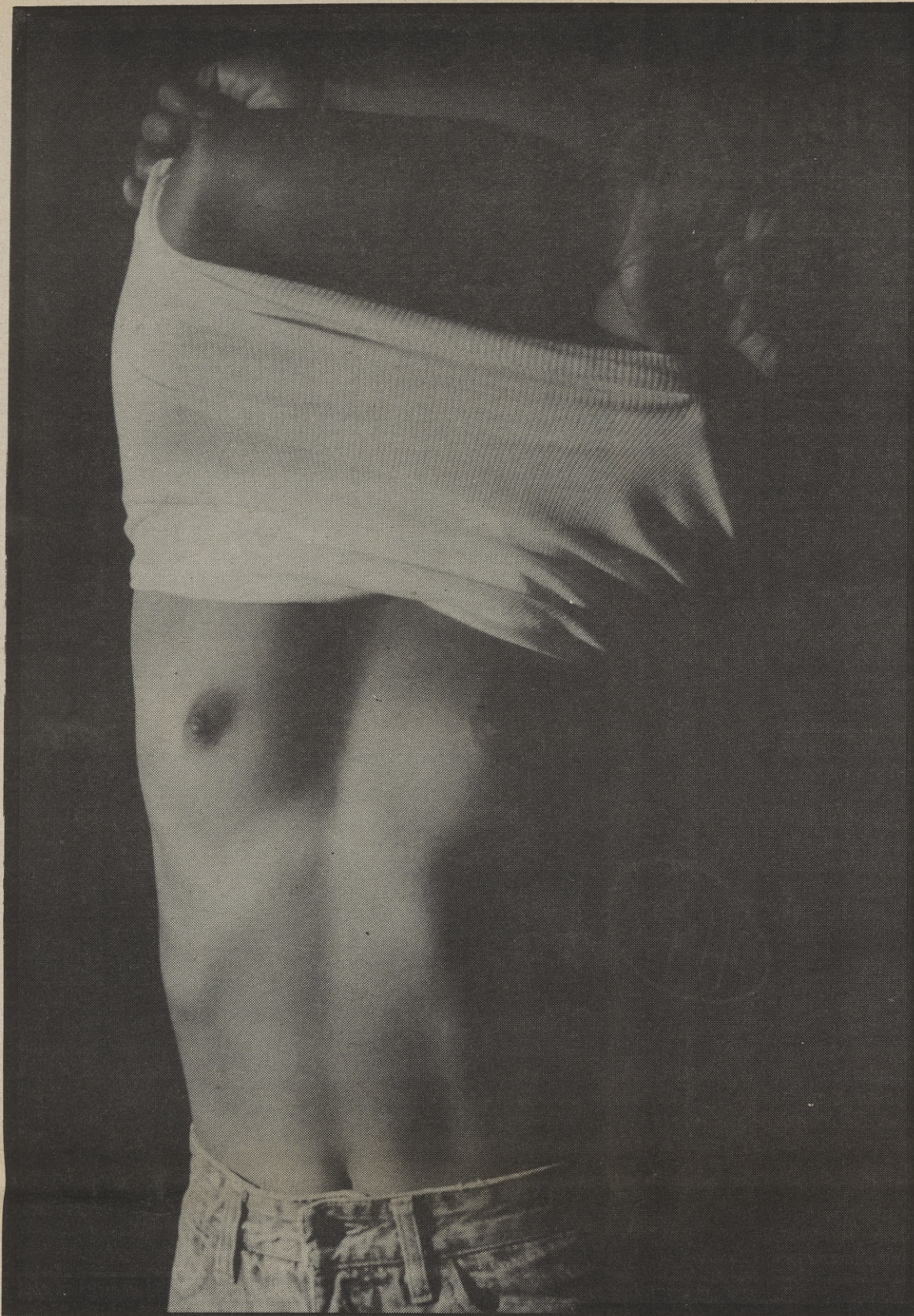
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Female Focus, a 1992 calendar by Black Iris Productions, is available for \$9 at Lioness Bookstore. Proceeds will benefit San Diego's Lesbian Health Project and the Berkeley-based Women's Cancer Resource Center.

Health Benefit Calendar Celebrates Female Form

San Francisco - Women's health care is the theme of a provocative, new 1992 calendar entitled "Female Focus." The calendar, featuring twelve, sizzling black and white photographs of strong and sensual women, is expected to raise more than \$5,000 on behalf of the Berkeley-based Women's Cancer Resource Center (WCRC) and the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center's Lesbian Health Project.

"WCRC reaches out to women most underserved by our health care system -- lesbians, women of color and lower income women," said Susan Liroff, director of the Women's Cancer Resource Center. "We're pleased to be a part of this creative fundraising effort benefitting nonprofit women's health care services." WCRC provides information, referrals and support in alternative and traditional methods of treatment to women who have cancer. They also provide support to the families and friends of the women who are ill.

Female Focus is the brainchild of Black Iris Productions, headed by San Francisco executive producer Judy Hedin and San Diego photographer Kasey Scott. "Our concept is simple," said Hedin. "Find unique, strong, beautiful

women who care about helping other women get good health care, then portray them in a creative and sensual way. These photos are a celebration of the female form, created by women for women. We see a growing demand for erotica within the women's community, especially for greater variety than what exists currently. We believe this is indicative of an increasing openness and acceptance of lesbian sexuality, and are responding to it with this calendar.

"We hope we can draw attention to the special needs of women's health care and provide the lesbian community with something unique and even a little titillating," added Scott.

Proceeds from the Female Focus Calendar will also benefit San Diego's Lesbian Health Project. "Lesbian health care is just about the least known and most underfunded area of women's health care," said Renee Richetts, director of the Lesbian Health Project. "We're working hard to educate healthcare providers to our needs and appreciate the exposure provided by the Female Focus calendar." The Lesbian Health Project provides extensive educational programs and referral services for lesbians along with training programs

for healthcare providers and physicians.

Priced at \$9 plus \$2 for shipping/handling, Female Focus can be ordered by contacting Black Iris Productions, P.O. Box 4003, San Diego, CA. 92164. Female Focus will also be available at Lioness Bookstore -- well in time for the holidays. For more information contact: Judy Hedin in San Francisco at (415) 285-9180 or Kasey Scott in San Diego at (619) 294-8000. ▼

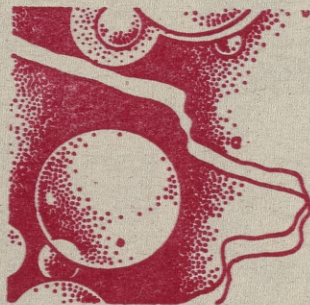
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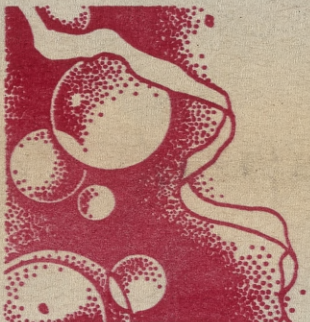
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PacBell Nix Sex

by Keith Clark
OF MGW STAFF

SAN FRANCISCO -- After an eight-year-long legal battle against so-called dial-a-porn telephone lines, Pacific Bell announced in mid-October that it would no longer process billings for calls to one group of 900- phone lines that carry sexually explicit recorded messages in what phone-sex operators and industry spokespeople say is an ongoing fight to pull the plug on the entire enterprise.

From now on, PacBell spokesman Dave Miller said, sex-line operators using the 900-303- prefixes, which includes only pre-recorded, sexually explicit messages, will have to find another carrier or another billing method for customers. Miller said that with the increasing restrictions on such phone services, it is likely that those which remain will resort to credit card billing.

Miller said the discontinuation of billing by the nation's largest local telephone carrier would make it more difficult for children or other unauthorized callers to run up charges to the lines.

PacBell, which serves all of California and part of Nevada, won the legal right to halt the billing for 900- numbers in August when a federal court here lifted an injunction that had prevented the carrier from stopping the billings. The court decision also allows long-distance carrier GTE to discontinue billing for such calls across state lines.

Miller said PacBell would immediately discontinue such billings for all lines that meet state and federal definitions of what constitutes indecent material. So-called "chat" lines using 900- and local 976- prefixes are not involved in this move, Miller said. But despite the limited number of sex lines affected by the PacBell decision, Miller said the telephone company and the three major long-distance carriers - MCI, AT&T and GTE - all are continuing their legal battles to separate themselves from the sex-talk industry by refusing to handle the billings to such numbers.▼

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Funny Woman: Call For Stories

by Michael R. Gorman
MGW EDITOR

Perhaps it was the dearth of advertizing. Perhaps it was the community's post-protest depression. Maybe the nouveau-cold weather drove everyone to their fireplaces. For whatever reason, too many Sacramento queers missed a truly professional comedy performance at Joseph's Town and Country on Sunday, October 27. Those of us who heard Maureen Brownsey experienced a rare treat: watching a gifted comedian play to a small house. Usually by the time a performer has developed the honed talent and impeccable timing that Brownsey evinced, she is playing to larger audiences, taking advantage of that electric interaction between crowd and jokester. But in a small room, so much of the energy must emanate from the performer that lesser talents crumble.

Not so for Maureen Brownsey. She took the stage with a flare, as if the people present were the very ones she had hoped to entertain and no others. She played her audience so well that I actually found myself turning around from my front table seat, expecting to see that a huge new crowd had arrived. What else could account for the volume of laughter and intensity of interaction? But each time I saw instead the same small group of people. Each time, however, they were more under the spell of this comedic sorceress.

When Brownsey announced the end of her set, the audience positively whined for more. She obliged. I only hope that the next time Maureen Brownsey graces a Sacramento stage that Sacramento will give her the reception that she certainly deserves. Promoters interested in booking Brownsey may call the MGW offices for her contact number.▼

Joan Nestle (author of *Restricted Country* and editor of *Women on Women*) and John Preston (author of *The Big Gay Book* and editor of *Hometowns, Gay Men Write about Where They Belong*), two of the best know authors and activists in the community, have put out a call for manuscripts for a planned anthology. to be titled *SISTER and BROTHER*, the book will examine the relationships between lesbians and gay men.

"The whole point is that our literature and our politics don't really reflect how we interact," according to Preston. He points out that while he and Nestle are deeply

involved in gender-specific writing and politics, each actually has many important relationships with gay people of the opposite gender.

Nestle and Preston want to collect deeply personal and insightful essays by gay men and lesbians on how they really get along, how they really feel about one another, what they really mean to one another.

Any writer interested in submitting work for the anthology should write: John Preston, Box 5314, Portland, Maine 04101 or call 207/774-3865 for a copy of the writers guidelines. Manuscripts will be due in spring of 1992.▼

Keeping It Up

The LAMBDA Community Center is sponsoring "KEEPING IT UP!", a one-day workshop (on the topic of behavior change and self esteem) for gay and bi-sexual men.

Designed and facilitated by Dr. Martin McCombs, Health Educator for STOP AIDS Los Angeles, the workshop addresses issues ranging from (sexual) negotiating skills and eroticising safe sex, to self-esteem as the root of successful behavior change maintenance.

The workshop, to be held Saturday, November 9, is underwritten

in part by a grant from the County Health Department, and is part of the LAMBDA Center's AIDS Education and Prevention programs. In addition, the workshop is sponsored with the participation of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, and the Women's Civic Improvement Club (WCIC)/Project Survival.

A \$5.00 to \$10.00 sliding registration fee will include a.m. "Muffins, Etc." and lunch. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., with coffee and muffins served from 9:30 a.m. To reserve a space, call 442-0185.▼

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It's A Queer World

by Rupleforeskin
OF MGW STAFF

"It's a Queer World" is compiled periodically for your amusement, amazement and edification, and consists of odds and ends (well, maybe more odds than ends) worth passing notice.

◆ **OLYMPIC TRY-OUTS:** A Shreveport, La., man who worked part-time as a youth athletic coach was arrested earlier this year on

child molestation charges after police say he showed three teenage boys a bogus letter from a university saying they would have better chances of getting a place on future U.S. Olympic teams if they allowed the coach to take body measurements and samples of body fluids for study. According to the young wanna-be jocks, the man, Jeff Norbury, repeatedly measured their penises in various states of arousal and convinced them to give him samples of their semen.

◆ **CELEBRITY SHORTS:** In case you missed it, the town of Piqua, Ohio, had more exposed underwear in mid-October than any place known in Western history for its annual Great Outdoor Under-

wear Festival Oct. 11-13. The foundation festivities were to commemorate the 14 companies that have manufactured underwear in the town over the years, and Piqua civic leaders went all out to mention their unmentionables. City Hall workers were decked out in long johns, a 16-foot-high pair of red long johns supported by a metal frame overlooked the town square, and a three-mile-long clothesline snaked through the small town with bloomers of every imaginable kind, including autographed undies from celebs Whoopi Goldberg, George Burns, Bob Hope, Phyllis Diller, Ted Turner, Bette Midler, Emilio Estevez, and even the Cincinnati Reds' mascot, a St. Bernard dog named Schottzie, who had paw-tographed a pair of doggie drawers.

◆ **GETTING YOUR ROCKS OFF:** First there was the Pet Rock, and now there's the Sport Rock, a French import that's now showing up in trendier-than-thou shops, that claims it will help you fight underarm or even foot odor if you're tough enough. The rock, which is actually a crystalline stone composed of mineral salts, is moistened and rubbed over the skin of your underarms or feet. The manu-

facturers say the rock applies an invisible, odorless layer of mineral salts that stops odor-causing bacteria from forming. Voila! No more stinkers.

◆ **PLAYING BALL WITH GAY RIGHTS:** Gay rights activists, angry with California Gov. Pete Wilson's Sept. 30 veto of a gay employment rights bill, have been dogging him at public appearances around the state ever since. At an October speech at Stanford University, some even threw an orange at him. But Wilson, who played center field and pitched on his high school baseball team, deftly made a single-handed catch of the protester's orange that so impressed San Diego Padres' president Richard Freeman, that Freeman offered Wilson a contract. Freeman told the governor in the contract offer, "It's obvious that you have the natural instincts to make the tough plays" and offered him a 1992 contract for the not-very-impressive figure of \$1. Wilson signed, calling it the "realization of a boyhood dream."

◆ **THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT:** A study on children's sexuality by the prestigious Mayo Clinic Foundation and the University of

Washington published in the September issue of the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, had some interesting findings. Some 36 percent to 64 percent of boys and 18 percent to 36 percent of girls under age 12 touch their genitals at home and between 3 percent and 35 percent do so out in public. Between 9 percent and 16 percent of girls and 11 percent and 23 percent of boys ages 2 to 12 are found masturbating. Three to 17 percent of boys and 8 to 21 percent of girls pretend to be the opposite sex and 2 percent to 7 percent say they want to be the opposite sex. Between 21 percent and 50 percent of all the kids 2 to 12 years old undress in front of others, and between 15 percent and 34 percent try to watch others undressing. Dr. William Friedrich, a Mayo Clinic psychology professor and one of the authors of the study said, "Children are sexual and children's overt sexual behavior seems to peak in the preschool years."

Readers are encouraged to contribute items that tickle their funny bones (or any other portion of their anatomy) to "It's a Queer World" in care of this newspaper. ▼

Sex Manual Is Too Hot

A new gay sex manual, which combines a strong AIDS-prevention emphasis with sex-positive text and illustrations, won't be available as soon as planned, because printers around the country are refusing to handle the job.

Gay Sex: A manual for men who love men, by Jack Hart, has been rejected by over a dozen commercial printers, according to publisher Sasha Alyson. "The major objection is to the illustrations," said Alyson. These illustrations, he explained, are explicit, but no more so than what appears in such mainstream books as *The Joy of Sex*.

"What we're learning," noted Alyson, "is that often the printers themselves have no problem with the book, but they're afraid of getting trouble from local communities. Many large printers locate a plant in small towns. They get a tax break in return for hiring local workers. But there's often a tacit understanding that they won't print material that would offend the community. Although a book like *Gay Sex* is not pornography under any legal definition, these printers take no chances where their tax breaks are concerned."

Gay Sex will be published, vowed Alyson, but at this point it is unclear whether it can be done in the U.S., or will have to be sent abroad, thus incurring further delays and expense. ▼

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What Happened?

by Stephen Blakley
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Sitting at my desk two weeks after the protests on National Coming Out Day, I can't help but think to myself, what has happened to all the emotion which we all experienced on the day that our governor decided that, the interests of the extreme right and fundamentalists were more important than the majority of the tax paying (and presumably voting) public.

Admittedly, I have on many occasions been called a fanatic. But, where are all those angry voices that only two weeks ago were demanding that we be treated with dignity and respect? What has happened to the gay and lesbian community that we will give up the fight so easily?

There are those who will say that we have made tremendous progress over the years. I will not argue that, but, looking at the progress we have made we must ask ourselves honestly, has any of this progress been made without sacrifice?

We have come from a point of having nothing (and therefore having nothing to risk) to a point of having a little and not wanting to risk losing it. We have become content to accept that if we are good little homosexuals and don't bring up our sexuality or if we just try to conform to the "norm" we will not be harassed. Unless of course we happen to work for a fundamentalist or are walking out of the wrong bar at the wrong time and run into some neanderthal with something to prove.

What we must collectively decide, just as the black community decided in the late fifties, do we remain content with the status of second rate citizen or do we demand that we be treated in the fashion that our constitution promises us.

On Oct. 11, a seed was planted, the seed of discontent. That discontent with our status made us visible and that visibility is what makes us strong. By being visible we send the message that we will not be shoved into closets not of our own making. Those who would oppress us depend on our fear, that is why they feel comfortable blocking gays and lesbians from the civil rights which are guaranteed to us (not to mention stripping us of the few victories we have made over the years).

Direct action has come under fire in the community recently. There are those that say that we have done enough, that we have made our point. By being silent we are giving our vote, by proxy, to our oppressors.

The gay and lesbian movement has shown a tremendous ability to mobilize if the need is great enough. So, perhaps we have made the decision that we can continue to conform and hide and that it's not worth the risk. But, all we must do to know this is not true is think about the anger which we each have felt when we or someone we love has been hurt by homophobia and about all the teens who have committed suicide because there were no positive role models. The price of our silence is to great, it is the price of emotional and physical pain and in many cases death. We can no longer decide our fate based on our own needs only. We must stand up for our rights and the rights of all of those whose voices

can no longer be heard. Be it because of their living situation, their work, or that they have not yet been born. Gays and lesbians unlike other minorities do not procreate. So we do not have the ability to raise our own and provide a positive home environment for the next generation of gays and lesbians. Therefore, we must educate society so that all the hurt and pain that the majority of us suffered while growing up under the shadow of homophobia will not exist for future generations. Then maybe we can get on with living life to the fullest with all the dignity and pride that other minorities have come to enjoy. ▼

HIV Kept Secret from page 6

fectured person has, the less likely he is to disclose his diagnosis.

"Nondisclosure increases the potential for virus transmission because it creates a situation in which unsafe sexual activity is more likely to occur," says the study's principal investigator, Gary Marks, Ph.D., a USC assistant professor of preventive medicine. "Should a partner become infected, he or she may unknowingly infect others. This chain of events suggests that nondisclosure of HIV infection to sexual partners may be an important cause of the continuing HIV epidemic."

Data for the USC study were obtained by confidential self-administered questionnaire.

The sample consisted of 104 Hispanics, 21 non-Hispanic whites, 11 blacks and 2 Asians. Ninety-one percent identified themselves as homosexual or bisexual. Thirteen percent reported having injected a nonprescription drug at least once. Seventy percent had an

annual income under \$10,000.

Sixty-two of the 138 men (45%) said they had been sexually active since their diagnosis.

Of the men who were sexually active, 52% kept their infection secret from one or more partners. The rate of disclosure by Hispanics did not differ significantly from that of non-Hispanics.

Ten subjects (17% of the sexually active) engaged in insertive anal intercourse without using a condom and without disclosing to 13 partners presumed to be uninfected. Seventeen men (29% of the sexually active) engaged in unprotected receptive anal intercourse without disclosing to 41 partners presumed to be uninfected.

Of 36 men who had only one sexual partner since diagnosis, 69% disclosed to that partner. Of 11 men with two to four partners, 36% disclosed to at least one partner. Of 11 men with five or more partners, only 18% disclosed to at least one partner. "This highly significant trend indicates that the likelihood of disclosure decreased in direct proportion to the number of partners," Dr. Marks says.

The relatively high prevalence of nondisclosure to sexual partners in combination with unsafe sexual activity cannot be attributed to lack of knowledge about sexual transmission of HIV, Marks says. Ninety-four percent of the subject were aware that they could infect others through unprotected sexual intercourse.

While other studies have investigated the sexual activity of HIV-infected persons, the USC study is one of the first specifically directed at the issue of self-disclosure, according to Marks.

The findings are not encouraging, Marks says, but additional studies of Hispanics, non-Hispanic whites, blacks and other minority groups of varying socioeconomic levels are needed before wide generalizations can be made. ▼

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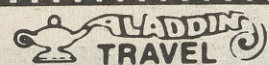
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San Francisco Opera: Rare Bellini But Half-Baked Mozart

By Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF

Bellini's 1830 opera *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* (The Capulets and the Montagues) was extremely popular in the last century. It firmly established what we think of as the "Bellini style" of unending arching melodies. But its popularity faded, and it has rarely seen the stage in our own time. Why this should have happened is not quite clear since the score contains some of Bellini's most beautiful music, yet it does not require spectacular voices or techniques (although it does call for highly controlled bel canto singing). Perhaps modern audiences cannot accept a female Romeo, or perhaps they are put off by a weal libretto (very loosely based on Shakespeare) and a score that, despite many truly sublime pages, contains some very conventional music, especially for the chorus and other principals.

The SFO production, its first ever, made a good case for doing this opera more often, thanks to Cecilia Gasdia and Delores Ziegler. Ms. Gasdia looked like a pale spirit as Juliet. Her acting and singing were spellbinding, especially in her opening aria (the haunting "Oh! quante volte"). Her soprano is not large, but it has that rare ability to soar and float, easily filling a large house. Ms Ziegler's rich mezzo-soprano was ideal for Romeo, except when she shouted her top notes at full voice. She even looked (and acted) like a young male. During the extended duets, their two voices blended like velvet upon velvet. Paul Plishka sounded tired as Juliet's father Capulet, but Philip Skinner's rich bass gave authority to Laurence (a physician rather than a friar in this case). Hong-Shen Li sang Tybalt with pleasant tenor having little flexibility or excitement, and conductor Antonio Pappano allowed Bellini's melodies to flow as they must.

The production, from Chicago's Lyric Opera, was barely adequate most of the time. There was too much meaningless activity, such as having the chorus step forward and backward during their opening scene. The sets---I hesitate even to call them that---were mostly murky semireflective dark sheets with a few props. But when Gasdia and Ziegler were spinning out those ethereal melodies, nothing else mattered!

The revival of *Don Giovanni* had almost nothing in its favor, except for Mozart's unmatched score. In his first local Don Juan, baritone Gino Quilico has a long way to go before he becomes memorable. In his favor, he is young, very handsome, and a good actor. He gave Giovanni a distinctly cruel streak. But his singing lacked smoothness and elegance, with an unpleasant, nasal graininess to the sound. Lucio Gallo's Leporello suffered from a smallish, forced voice which sounded too much like that of his master. Frank Lopardo sounded like an old man as Don Ottavio. "Dalla sua pace" bogged down, but "Il mio tesoro" was smoothly vocalized. LeRoy Villanueva acted lumpy and sang with a thick sound as Masetto, but Peter Rose had the commanding bass for the Commendatore. As Donna Anna, Marilyn Mims sang with a loud soprano, no flexibility, and a pinched top. "Or sai chi l'onore" and "Non mi dir" were dismal as she shouted and yelped her way through the rapid passages. But her inadequacies paled next to those of Kallen Esperian as Donna Elvira, whose performance was a vocal disaster. The voice has no support of flexibility, she screams her high notes and has not the slight-

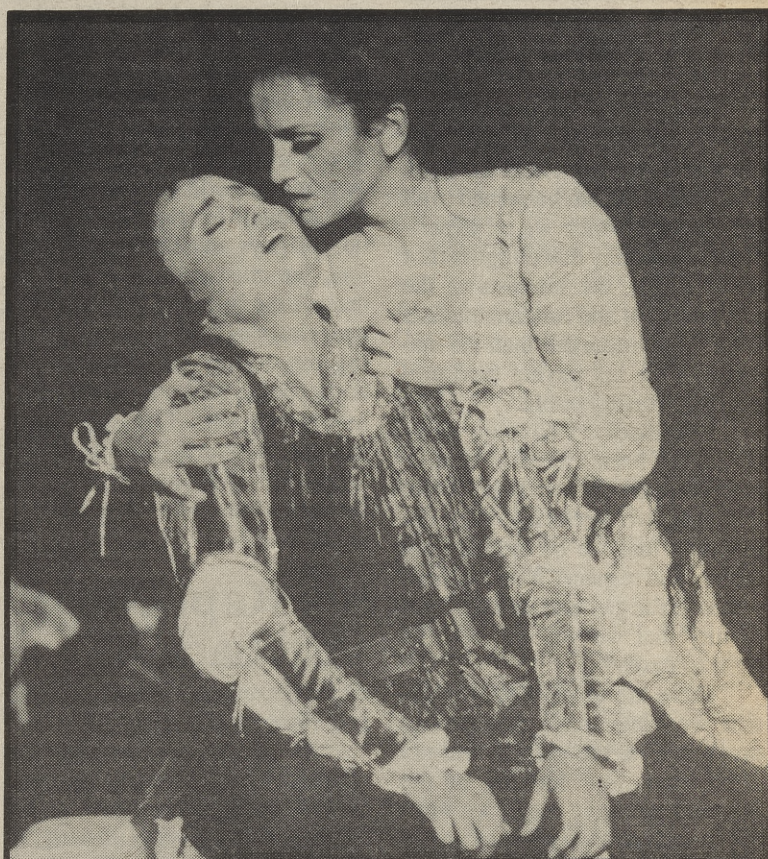



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Delores Ziegler and Cecilia Gasdia in Bellini's *I Capuleti e i Montecchi*.

est idea how to sing coloratura. The rapid high notes near the end of "Mi tradi" sounded like random off-pitch squeaks. I had my doubts that she could even complete the aria! Let us hope that SFO never invites her back. Fortunately Harolyn Blackwell as Zerlina rescued the performance (if Zerlina can do such a thing) with a small but very pleasant musical voice. Leopold Hager's conducting was

uneven. Much of the ensemble work had precision, but the overture lacked punch and, out of the blue, passages would suddenly slow down to a crawl, as in the brief Anna-Ottavio interchange during the epilogue.

The sets consist mostly of wrought iron fences, resembling the elevator cages found in older European hotels. This production needs to be replaced. ▽



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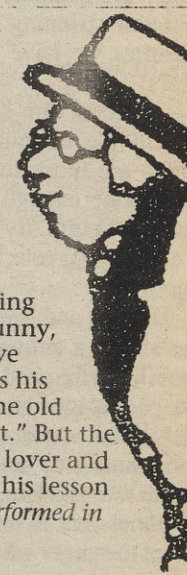
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A Raisin in the Sun Shines

by Michael R. Gorman
OF MGW STAFF

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
Like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore -
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten
meat?
Or crust and sugar over -
Like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
Like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

--Harlem
by gay, African-American
poet Langston Hughes

In choosing a play to represent the 1950's in its 50th anniversary season's survey of the past half a decade of American theatre, Sacramento Theatre Company could not have chosen better than Lorraine Hansberry's brilliant drama *A Raisin in the Sun*. The issues of racism, sexism, black nationalism, and family are as immediate today as they were when the 28-year-old Chicago playwright first stamped the American stage with its first in-depth treatment of African-American characters. The themes of family loyalty, personal pride and self-discovery are as universal and the vehicle as powerful.

The play takes place in a small, run-down apartment on Chicago's South Side. The family matriarch, Lena Younger, is about to receive a life insurance check for \$10,000 from the death of her husband. The money serves as a catalyst which brings to the surface the conflicting

dreams of each of the members of the family. Lena's son Walter Lee wants to invest in a liquor store. His sister Beneatha dreams of a medical degree. Lena wants a house with a garden, as does Ruth, who keeps her desires hidden in deference to her husband, Walter. Walter and Ruth's son, Travis, remains as the generation whose future will be determined in part by the outcome of the resulting conflicts.

Although the play has a myriad of social elements masterfully woven into its tapestry, the drama centers primarily on the struggle of Walter Lee to overcome self-doubt and social intolerance in order to gain a measure of pride and dignity. The anger and frustration and temptation to capitulate which characterize Walter's dark night of the soul drive the action of the play. (The feelings will ring familiar to any audience members who have ever experienced discrimination. Given recent events, the familiarity will prove particularly poignant for gays and lesbians.)

The Sacramento Theatre Company production of *Raisin* is a wonderful example of ensemble theatre. Any one of the strong characters could easily dominate the stage, but the cast obviously has a commitment to the play and to each other. Each of the lead actors has a time to be the center of focus, but the actors allow the ebb and flow of that focus to be dictated by the themes of the play, each playing subtle background with as much skill as the more heightened moments.

Myrtle J. Stephens, as Lena (Mama), moves back and forth from sad resignation to quiet determina-

tion to matriarchal fury. She is an actress of amazing scope. Bob Devin Jones plays Walter Lee with and intensity that hums like a generator building toward an explosion. He embodies the dream de-

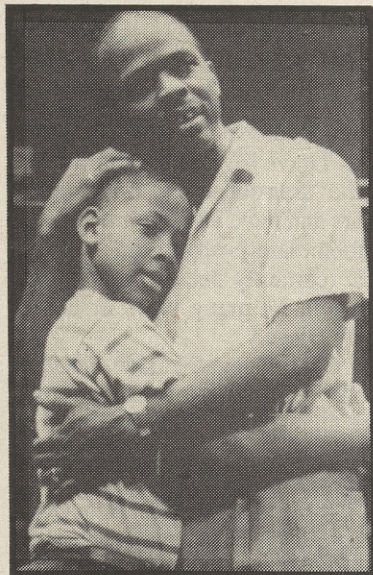


Photo by John Kenneth
Myles Woodfork and Bob Devin Jones

ferred with all its frustrating pressure. Leslie DoQui as Ruth Younger can do more with silence than most actors can do with a line. The way she mixes her character's inward pain with selfless concern for the family is superb. Beneatha Younger, played by Mimi Ayers, comes across with a realistic hybrid of altruistic idealism and selfish naivete. Myles Clayton Woodfork as the young Travis is a young actor to watch. The supporting cast, without exception, played with the same attention to ensemble and character integrity.

The stark realism of the set de-

sign by Eric Sinkkonen and the lighting by Maurice Vercoutere serve as a perfect frame for the stark reality portrayed between the flats. Particularly wonderful and disturbing is the looming skeletal presence of the El (Elevated Train) that is so representative of the confining nature of the Youngers' lives. When the train rumbles between scenes, the sound (designed by David de Berry) is like the rumble of despair in Walter's gut. Director Tim Ocel has left no ragged seams in this production. And he has used line and space and pacing to add an element of warm humor that gives the play a richness that renders it all the more poignant.

A work of art always begins what the audience must finish. With a play as universal in appeal as *A Raisin in the Sun*, each person viewing the show will come away with a slightly different experience. As a gay man in the aftermath of a resounding civil rights defeat, I found the play a wonderful catharsis. Walter Younger's struggle is similar to my own. He fights against his own misconceived image of manhood. He battles society's comfortable stereotype of him as the submissive servant. He wrestles with the choice between comfortable acquiescence and rebellious self-respect. In the end he rises above web of the El and embraces a pride and dignity inside, beyond the reach of material circumstances and societal prejudice.

A Raisin in the Sun will play Tuesday through Sunday until November 17 at SCT, 1419 H Street, Sacramento: \$11 to \$21.8pm. The prologue in Stage Two 45 minutes before curtain is worth attending. 916-443-6722.▼

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Angry At Editor

Dear Editor:

Now I'm angry! why the hell "must we now and forever utterly repudiate" anger with other gays and lesbians? (Editor's note, October 15, 1991, p.2) What an utterly inane idea. If we can't be angry with each other, what next? No disagreement? No, gasp, individuality?

Kyle Deloache has every right to be angry with CAPPAC; they support Pete Wilson! Aaaagghhh!! As far as he's concerned CAPPAC sold out our gay rights for Republican economic policy (a dubious trade on a good day, pretty stupid on "Bloody Sunday"). Let's hear the CAPPAC board respond to Kyle's assertions. I'm dying to know why gay Democrats concerned about their basic human rights should contribute money to an organization that deems scum like Wilson "acceptable."

Kyle's anger is valid, whether you agree with him or not. I commend him for speaking out. Our supposed leaders need to be questioned and, when they screw up, criticized

Had Kyle, in his anger, called for all gay Republicans to be run out of town, then perhaps your response would have made some sense. But instead, he simply called on gay Democrats to be careful about who they support financially. Angry? No. Destructive? No.

How dare you deny anyone their anger? The gay movement will not fall apart simply because we get pissed off at each other. On the contrary, by openly facing our internal conflicts and not glossing them over, we will grow stronger.

C.J. Meyers

Money To C.A.R.E.S.

Dear Editor:

The L.O.C.A.S. fundraising event held on September 21 at the "Buff" was both a financial success as well as a positive social success. Each and every one of you did a great job in promoting, organizing and helping during the planning process and during the evening of the event.

Thanks to your help and support, L.O.C.A.S. will donate the sum of \$450 to C.A.R.E.S. (Center

for AIDS research, Education and Services of Sacramento). L.O.C.A.S. will be planning another event soon, and we hope that you will continue to provide your most valued support.

Anna M. Peralta
Public Relations

More On Drag Queens

Dear Editor:

If you would be so kind as to hear one more opinion on transvestites. I have been on the periphery of the "drag queen" world for some years and have had, off and on, as a roommate probably one of the best (certainly one of the longest reigning by many years indeed), Lady Diana.

On the negative side, I have found with but a few exceptions, like Diana, most transvestites are not overly well-educated; vapid seems to be the norm.

On the positive side, transvestites were the first people out of the closet and put up with more heat, more beatings, more ridicule, more economic repression than any other division in the gay world.

If people think that it is tough being a gay man or a gay woman, try being a man who lives as a woman. It takes some real balls indeed to openly live as a woman having a man's body.

While what is considered important within the world of "drag queens" may seem like a tempest in a teapot, none the less, it is these hyperactive, publicity seeking, and over/under dressed woman who fought and continue to fight in the forefront.

J. Boynton

Love Thy Neighbor

Dear Editor:

Back on September 11, all area TV stations aired a two hour gang and crime special titled "California Crackdown." During a news conference prior to the airing of this program, Sacramento Police Chief John Kearns attributed much of the increasing gang and crime activities to the fact that neighbors no longer speak to or care about each other. In the downtown apartment building where I live, I would describe most of my neighbors in this manner.

Several months ago, Bob Cook of KTXL Channel 40 made the same assessment as Chief Kearns during one of his commentaries about gangs and crime. This realistic assessment has mostly served to infuriate Sacramentans rather than wake them up.

While Sacramentans project an attitude of hate, they expect to get love in return. I believe that this is why Sacramento is fast becoming a major crime city. Obviously, Sacramentans fail or refuse to realize that love attracts more love and hate attracts more hate.

David Raffield.

Reflection Of The Veto

Dear Editor:

In Pete Wilson's statement to the press as to why he vetoed AB 101, he stated that homosexuals were already protected in housing discrimination under the Unruh Act. He states that we are protected against job discrimination by the state's constitution in Art 1, sec 7, subd. (a), Cal Const.; Government code section 18500; Executive Order B-54-79; Labor Law Code sections 1101 & 1102; court decisions against wrongful termination exemplified in Collins v. Shell Oil Company (1990) 56 Fair Empl. Prac. Cas 440; and finally the Attorney General's opinion found in (69 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 80 (1976).

My advice to all gays and lesbians is to make copies of these "protections" and use them to flood the court system with any current or future cases of discrimination based on our sexual orientation.

One of Wilson's objections to AB 101 was the fact that it would increase the number of cases in litigation against California employers. His actual statement is "Should we increase the already heavy caseload at the Department of Fair Employment and Housing and in the Courts? Should we deny any new homeless people the right to housing or food because it would increase the already heavy caseload

of the welfare department? Should we deny new students the right to go to school in California because it would increase the already heavily burdened school systems? How about medical care? New patients would only add to the state's enormous expenditure, as would new convicts bursting the seams of the states' already overburdened prison system.

Sorry Wilson, but your reasoning just doesn't stand up. I understand that you fear new businesses won't want to come to California if they see a number of litigation cases appearing against California employers. So you sell out current California residents in order to attract future California residents to a state that is already crying about overburdened programs, major pollution problems and a fast paced case of overpopulation.

It is my feeling that we must use the tools that Wilson has given us to force the California politicians to see the light. Take your landlords to bay quoting Wilson's statements about our rights of protection under the Unruh Act (Rolon v. Kulwitzky (1984) 153 Cal. App. 3d 289; Hubert v. Williams (1982) 133 Cal. App. 3d Supp 1.).

Take your "innocent" employer to court by citing Wilson's statements about allowing our already sufficient job protection. Make the universities stop allowing ROTC programs because they are discriminatory and Wilson says we are already protected under the California State Constitution. Make California stop allowing boy scouts and girl scouts to meet in California schools until they stop being discriminatory against gays & lesbians. Stop allowing tax breaks, grants, loans, business permits and any other state allocated perk or benefit to companies that discriminate. After all, as Governor Wilson had so aptly stated in his veto of AB 101, we are protected under existing programs and will remain as such until the day when our discrimination is shown to be pervasive.

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Rescue-Everyone's Responsibility

by Joan B. Guertin
OF MGW STAFF

The subject of Pet Overpopulation has been the subject of countless articles and billboards, radio, TV and newspaper ads sponsored by the SPCA. The thrust of most of the media blitz has been the importance of spaying and neutering the family pets. This is a viable remedy for future generations of unwanted pets. However, a very real situation exists in the need to salvage those animals and birds that are already here. For this we need to encourage the support of Rescue operations.

While most of us really have a tremendous desire to alleviate the situation, rescue is not something to be taken lightly. In the case of dogs, without a thorough knowledge of canine behavior and the ability to evaluate temperament, the random placement of dogs can generate additional problems. Therefore, it is important to deal with knowledgeable individuals when accepting a rescued dog. There are many qualified people capable of assisting in rescue operations. Many breed clubs have a rescue committee that deals with dogs of their specific breed. These dogs are found, surrendered for numerous reasons, such as a family move, death of the owner and loss of a dog that is never claimed.

Breed rescue will check the shelters and Animal control frequently to recover any of their breed. Those working in rescue are volunteers, and rescue operations are often costly, particularly if veterinary care, boarding and training are involved. Placement by a breed rescue may be free or may be at a nominal cost to defray some of the rescue cost. My personal feeling is that even the free placement should be accompanied by a donation toward helping the next rescue.

There are several local numbers for rescue. If a purebred dog is found, call Rescue Referral Coordinator, Ray Schliep at 444-2107. Ray has a list of local breed clubs who have rescue committees and he has access to a national Breed Rescue Publication. Pet Finders at 944-7055 holds adoptions events at various sites around the country on weekends where people can display pets that they have either found or their own that for one reason or another, they need to find a home for. Pet Finders will take a dog for a reasonable fee, handle the placement and guarantee spaying and neutering. They will also take cats. You can reach them at 944-7055.

My secretary called all over town to try to find information regarding other sources for rescue of cats and was not successful. One problem with cats is that if born in the wild and not handled they are wild. One source informed me that

they had begun trapping all of the feral cats around their office building, taking them in for spaying and neutering and returning them to the building where they continued to supply food. At least the cats could not reproduce and they were fed.

In the event that you find an injured wild bird or animal, notify the Department of Fish and Game at 355-7040. If they can't do anything they will at least refer you to the proper department. Wildlife Care Association also deals with wild animals under a permit with Fish and Game. They are available at 383-7922.

Birds of Prey can be referred to U. C. Davis Raptor Center at 752-6091. Contact the Capital City Bird Society, Box 417700, Sacramento, 95841 for information regarding domestic birds. Research failed to turn up a phone number for them.

Lost, hurt and abandoned animals have to be the concern of all of us. If you can't get personally involved, then be willing help out financially. Donations go toward helping defray costs of spay and neuter fees, supplying food and providing veterinary care. Several vets that I have visited recently are concerned about the existence of lost, surrendered and abandoned animals and work well with those doing rescue to facilitate placement following care. Dr. Jim at Pocket South Pet Hospital keeps a bulletin board of pets in need of

homes near the front door. He also advised me that he has knowledge of a nice 4-year-old, neutered, male American coon hound who is a casualty of divorce and in need of a home. Also available is a 6-year-old, healthy but deaf Boston who's owner died. If you're interested in providing a home for either dog, call Dr. Jim at 395-7387.

Ray Schliep advised me that he has information on a 1-year-old Lab, a 2 or 3-year-old cocker spaniel, a 7-year-old Irish Setter and a 6-year-old Scottie needing homes. If a wonderful older pet will fill your needs, call him at 444-2107.

I also learned from Dr. Jim that there has been a serious outbreak of Parvo in the South area. Make sure your pups are vaccinated, and if for any reasons you think your pups are vulnerable, get them boosted!

The cute puppy in last month's column is CCI Hi-Desert Evening Star, Evie to her friends. That photo was Evie at 5 weeks. She's now 9 weeks and full of the dickens. Evie is a daughter of my Champion, Oliver and is mine for about 15 months when she will be returned to CCI for her advanced training as a signal dog for the hearing impaired. She is a doll to live with, and I will keep you all posted on her progress as we both learn about training a service dog.▼

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Picnic Brings Gay Youth Together

by Kenneth Locke
OF MGW STAFF

When Sandy Virago and Judith Ludwig of the River City Democratic Club planned on having a picnic for gay and lesbian youth of Sacramento, they wanted to create an opportunity to bridge a gap in contact among gay teens. With the support of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change (SLCC), Delta Lambda Phi, GLAS, and the Lambda Community Center, they organized an event that was just that.

Teens began to gather around 3 P.M. in McKinley Park, when the weather was just sunny and breezy enough to enjoy. They gathered by a huge rainbow banner, about fifteen playing a game of volleyball, as more arrived and gathered at picnic tables to munch on potato and tortilla chips and chat. Within a couple of hours, nearly sixty people had shown up. They barbecued hotdogs and hamburgers, guzzled down ample amounts of beverages, and devoured a huge "rainbow cake."

The informal gathering proved to be a good chance to feel the presence of many young gays who had not met before. Nineteen-year-

old Becky from American River High School knew no at this picnic and found it to be a very rewarding experience. She lamented that it is very hard being gay and reaching out to gay peers. "I dated boys," she said, "but my inclinations are toward girls." She emphasized that this new generation of gays must take a stand, "or no one is going to take us seriously. We're as normal as anyone else, but most of the straight world doesn't see it that way."

She has had firsthand experience with homophobia, at school and within her own family. "When my cousin died of AIDS," she said, "my family didn't even want me to go to her funeral. People are so prejudiced." Christopher, a seventeen-year-old student at Sacramento City College, found it liberating,

especially in relation to where he is right now -- which is at the glorious heights of the coming out process. The best thing about coming out of the closet, he asserted, was "letting everybody know I'm gay -- EVERYBODY."

Four Lavender Angels patrolled the picnic area, out of necessity that would not exist were homophobia not so rampant in this community and in society at large. The young people danced to both popular and progressive music played by a hot D.J. from Davis until after dark. As the nighttime settled in and the people departed, they left having shared the day with people they might never have otherwise come in contact with, due to the isolation and invisibility that has plagued gay adolescents. Wayne, who is nineteen-years-old

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media watch

by Ben Carlson
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Prophylactic Prejudice

Because of the homophobia in corporate America, many companies do not advertise in gay periodicals. It seems that condom makers are the most startling example of how advertisers avoid gay publications. Though studies show that gay men are more likely to purchase condoms than their heterosexual male counterparts, Trojan, one of the major condom companies advertises exclusively in heterosexual, mainstream magazines.

Let them know you are insulted that they target you with straight images in heterosexual magazines. Let them know you want ads to appear in *The Advocate* or *Genre*.

Write to Henry Hoyt, Jr., Chairman and CEO, Carter-Wallace, Inc. 1345 Ave. of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

Scholarly Bias

American Scholar, the journal of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, has a policy not to use the word "gay" or "lesbian". Editor Joseph Epstein uses only what he calls more neutral words such as "homosexual" or "female homosexual". Epstein recently wrote an article for *Hudson Review*, in which he likened feminists to pit bulls and referred to the group Dykes on Bikes as hilarious.

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Oakland Tribune

The September 14 issue of the *Oakland Tribune* included a great column by its medial/science columnist Peter Aleshire discussing the "hypothalamus study". (The study that identified differences between the brains of heterosexual males and gay men.) Aleshire says that he gets a lot of hate mail every time he mentions gays and lesbians in his column. He concluded that the problem is not with the human brain, but with the human heart.

Write to The Tribune, P.O. Box 24424, Oakland, CA 94623.

Dear John

The September 20 episode of *Dear John* included non-stereotypical lesbian characters. The main character, Kirk, is concerned that his ex-wife's lesbianism is the result of his performance as a lover. During the course of the show he is taught the basics about sexual orientation.

Write to Ed Weinberger, Executive Producer, *Dear John*, NBC, Inc., 3000 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91505.

PBS and ABC Collaborate

On September 18, PBS aired a program called *In The Shadow Of Love: A Teen AIDS Story*. It was about the transmission of the HIV virus among teens. Even though it was primarily geared towards heterosexual teenagers, it was gay sensitive. It featured a gay teen, who was among the members of an HIV+ support group. Harvey Fierstein appeared briefly as an AIDS counselor.

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lesbians and gays. Protest defamation. Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of the San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA) of all defamations, and if possible supply us with copies or recordings. Our hotline number is 415-861-4588; fax 415-861-4893. Our mailing address is 514 Castro St., Suite B., San Francisco, CA 94114.▼

Fox

On "veto night", September 29, the Fox network splurged on gay (male) visibility.

First, the season-opening episode of *In Living Color* included one of the "Men on Films" skits featuring Damon Wayans and David Alan Grier as stereotypical femme, misogynistic queens. In a cliffhanger skit during the season finale last May, "Antoine" was "turned straight" by a blow to the head. This ominous circumstance was repeated in reverse on the season-opening show. GLAAD is opposed to the suggestion of a cause-and-effect relationship between head trauma and sexual orientation, but we're all for visibility.

Write to Keenan Ivory Wayans, Executive Producer, *In Living Color*, Fox Television, 5746 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90038, or call 213-856-1190.

Next came an episode of the sitcom *Roc*, in which Roc's uncle Russell comes out to Roc's family as gay. Compounding the family's surprise is the news that Russell and his lover Chris intend to hold a commitment ceremony. For Roc's father, the revelation that Chris is white (Roc's family is black) sends him into a funk: Roc's older brother Joey offers "maybe he didn't choose it, maybe it chose him. I mean, you can't force him to be something that he isn't. Middleman Roc, suggests to his father "we ain't the only minority that's had it rough in this country."

Finally, during an episode of *Herman's Head*, Herman spills his guts to a Latino janitor. After hearing Herman out, the janitor responds in subtitled Spanish "I have no idea what your're saying, but you have beautiful eyes," then winks and walks away.

Praise the executive producers of *Herman's Head*, Paul Junger Witt and Tony Thomas, at Witt/Thomas Productions, 846 North

Cahuenga Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90038, FAX 213-960-1837.

Praise Fox for the inclusion of gay themes and characters on its programs and encourage the network to include lesbians as well. Write to Barry Diller, Chairman, Fox, Inc., P. O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, and to Peter Chernin, President, Fox Broadcasting at the same address.

Chronicle

Why have no editorials critical of Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101 appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*? Urge the paper to address the issue. Write to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 901 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Los Angeles Times

The October 2 issue included an excellent op/ed piece by Michael Weinstein, Mark Vandervelden and Robin Podolsky titled "Wilson Caves In to Homophobic Right." The essay's subtitle summarizes its message: "When society refuses to recognize a gay person's right to work, other basic rights will also fall by the wayside."

Praise the *Los Angeles Times*, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, CA 90053, 213-237-7679.

New York Times

"Legalize Gay Marriage," an articulate op/ed piece by lawyer Craig R. Dean in the Saturday September 28 issue, makes a good case for gay marriage. "SUNY'S Gay Rights Dilemma," an editorial in the Thursday, October 3 issue, argues that in a conflict over barring military recruiters from campuses on the basis of their discrimination against gays, "the real villains are the State Legislature and a military that refuses to shed its unjust and shortsighted opposition to homosexuals."

Praise the paper by writing to Max Frankel, Executive Editor and Jack Rosenthal, editorial page editor at the *New York Times*, 229 West 43 Street, New York, NY 10036.

Essence Response

The October issue of *Essence* included a follow-up article describing the response that *Essence* Senior Editor Clara Villarosa and her daughter Linda got after the magazine ran a story in May titled

"Coming Out" about Linda's lesbianism. The new article described the unexpected volume and warmth of letters generated by the original article.

Send praise to Susan Taylor Editor-in-Chief, *Essence*, 1500 Broadway, New York, NY 10036.

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GWM- must be bld. hair of sandy brn.- Blue eyes or green eyes, wear 501 jeans and high top shoes be in good shape (no beards or mustaches), in early to mid-twenties, willing to baby me, Bottle feed, diapering etc. Would like to go to San Francisco. Call after 3pm during weekdays, anytime during weekends (916)726-0320

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Services

Gay Traffic School classes at Lambda Center 1931 L St. 1-800-748-5933

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Citrus Heights GWM seeks roomie to share 4 BDRM, 2BA home with WA/DR pool firepl. non-smkr, no pets \$300/mo + 1/2 util. 723-7311 x11/1

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NOVEMBER

Friday 1

Cafe Lambda, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 8pm, 442-0185.

Carlos Nakai, Native American flutist, history and spirituality, 7pm, Mountain View Center, \$7.50, 415-903-6565.

MCC AIDS Vigil, RCMCC Church, 2741 34th at Broadway, 454-4762.

Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble, Fall Concert, 24th Str. Theatre, 2791 24th, 8pm, \$10 gen., \$8 stud. & senior, 443-1529.

Saturday 2

Camping Women, Post Halloween Party, 366-8414.

The Lambda Plays "GAYLA-SPECTACULAR", Josephs Town and Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd., Dinner 6:30pm, Show 8:00pm, \$15 Single/\$25 Couple, 442-0185.

"Positively HIV" Dance Night, RCMCC, 2741 34th at Broadway, 7:30pm, \$3 donation, 454-4762.

Carlos Nakai, (see Nov. 1), 8pm, \$20.

MCC AIDS Vigil, RCMCC Church, 2741 34th at Broadway, 454-4762.

River City Democratic Club, Lambda Awards Dinner, Dr. Marjorie Hill speaks, Plaza Holiday Inn, 300 J Street, 394-3114.

Ruth Rosenberg Dance Ensemble (see Nov. 1).

Sacramento Hairdressers' Guild, Trade Show, "Marti Gras," Sac. Community Convention Center, 2pm. Charity Ball 7pm, \$5, K Street doors. 486-2856.

Sunday 3

MCC AIDS Vigil, RCMCC Church, 2741 34th at Broadway, 454-4762.

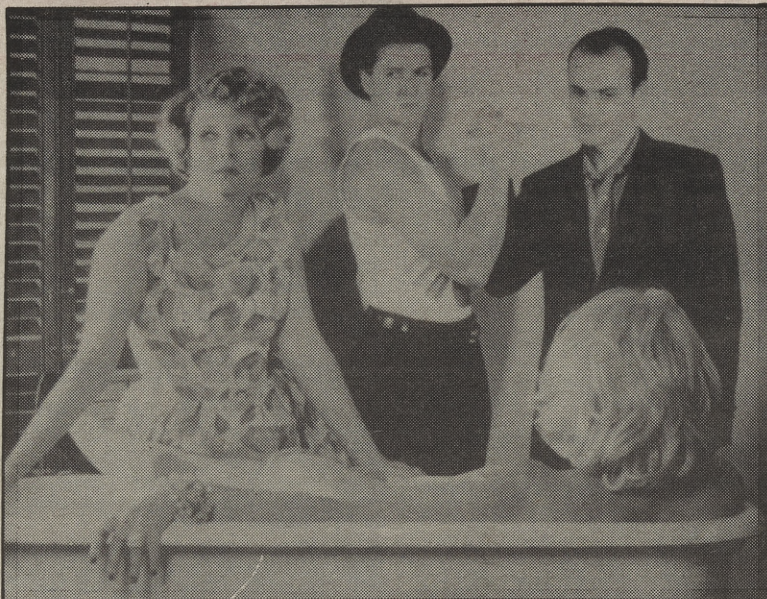
Sacramento Hairdressers' Guild Trade Show (see 11-2) 10am - 5pm.

Monday 4

Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Community Center, 7pm, 442-0185.

"Stop Smoking Drop-In, Self-help Group," Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

Affirmation, United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, 7pm, St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Mark's Way, 489-2340.



Lois Weaver, Peggy Shaw and Precious Perl in Belle Reprieve, Theatre Rhinoceros

Tuesday 5

Being Gay Today, Cable 18, 8-10pm.

Lambda Players Auditions, Heidi Chronicles, Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, 7pm-10pm, Terri Ramos 444-3261 or Maureen Gaynor 444-6893.

Wednesday 6

Television Gala Concert, Chanticleer Men's Chorus, 8pm, KVIE-TV 6 Studios, 2529 Capitol Oaks Dr (I-5 and West El Camino), 278-6514.

Lambda Players Auditions, Heidi Chronicles, Callbacks, Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, 444-3261 or 444-6893.

"Freedom From Smoking Clinic," Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 7pm 442-0815.

Thursday 7

Being Gay Today, Cable 18, 9pm.

Central San Joaquin Valley and National Camping Women, Morro Bay State Park Campout, Nov. 7-10, Jean Wilson, 209-897-2852 for information.

CAP PAC Board Meeting, 736-2722, (Next Meetings: Dec. 5, Jan 9), 6:00pm, 1329 H Street, Upstairs.

Friday 8

'Atlantis' A Royal Journey to the Bottom of the Sea, Coronation Weekend, Modesto, CA., Coronation Coordinator 209-526-8164.

Cafe Lambda, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 8pm, 442-0185.

Monday 11

Women's Rap & Social, Lambda Community Center, 1931 L Street, 7pm, 442-0185.

"Stop Smoking Drop In, Self Help Group," (See 11/04.)

Saturday 16

Chanticleer Men's Chorus Concert, 8pm, First United Methodist Church, 2100 J Street.

Stockton Gay & Lesbian Community Awards Banquet, Crocke's, 8100 Cherokee Lane (Off Hwy. 99), 7:30pm, Advanced ticket Sales Only, Available at: Club Paradise, DHMCC, Alternative Connection For Women, The Imperial court, The Stockton Connection, and Integrity of the Sierras.

Business Alliance of Networking Gays, Joseph's Town and Country (upstairs), 2062 Auburn Blvd, 7:00pm, Guest Speaker Bern Moses, 457-3269.

El Dorado Women's Center's Holiday in the Hills, El Dorado Hills Community Services Center, 5:30pm, Advance Tickets \$15, Door \$20, 916-626-1450

Holiday Auction Party, YWCA, 7-10pm, benefit, 442-4741.

The All American Holiday Concert, Sacramento Men's Chorus, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., 8pm.

THEATRE

"Broadway Our Way" Lambda Players season-opening gayla, dinner, show and live band (Second Nature), Joseph's T&C, Nov. 2, 6pm, \$15 single, \$25 couple, 442-0185.

"Hot 'N' Soft", a one woman show by Muriel Miguel, 11/6-12/1, Theatre Rhinoceros, (415) 861-5079.

"The Whales of August, Garbeau's Dinner Theater, 9/27 - 11/17, 985-6361.

"Taking Steps" Chautauqua Playhouse, Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 25 - Nov. 30, 5325 Engle Road, 8pm, matinee 2pm Nov 24 and Dec. 1, 489-7529.

"Pal Joey" by Rogers & Hart, Carmichael Civic Theatre, Oct. 25 - Nov. 30, Fri's and Sat's, \$9, 483-2775.

Leesh Divar (Singing Comedy), Our Place, Thursday Nights, 8:30-10:30pm, 649-8420.

"Gay-La Spectacular", Lambda Players, Joseph's Town & Country, Nov. 2, 6pm, 442-0185.

Noel Coward's "Private Lives", Music Circus, Nov. 13-17, Community Center Theater, 8pm, Sun. 2pm, 557-1999, 442-7827, BASS/TM, 923-BASS.

"A Raisin In The Sun", Sacramento Theatre Company, 1419 H Street, Thru Nov. 17, 443-6722.

"Sex Etc." Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th Street, SF, Nov. 8-24, 415-861-5079.

"A Little Night Music", Davis Comic Opera Company, Nov. 7-10, 14-16, Veterans Memorial Theater, 14th & B Streets, Davis, Fri. Nov. 8, Champagne Gala. 758-3262.

GALLERIES.

"Steamy Windows" by Jerald Silva, Recent Works by Tom Leaver, Neon by Maru Noeber, Thru Nov 23, Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 Tenth Street, 448-8723, Artists Reception: Nov. 2, 6-8pm.

Clayton Pinkerton, Julian Faulkner, Olive M. Ayherns, Nov. 6-Jan. 4, Spectrum Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison Street (At First), SF, 415-495-1113, Call for gallery hours, Artist Reception: Nov. 6, 5:30-8pm.

Jimmy Suzuki: Watercolor and Collage, Yoshio Taylor: Small Sculpture, Himovitz Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Lane, Thru Nov. 17, 447-0132.

"The Good, The Weird, and Things With Sneers, Drawing by Anthony Walker, Archival Framings's Gallery, 1729 L Street, Oct. 29 thru Nov. 23, Artist Reception, Sat. Nov. 2, 7-9pm, 444-9624

Willi Kissmer, Christel Verhalen, Neil Korpi, Aquatone-Mezzotint-Etching Artist, Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd, Thru Jan. 92, Reception Nov. 2, 10am-5pm.

Patricia Stapleton Paintings, Nov. 4-Nov. 22, University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, Artist Reception: Nov. 6, 5-7pm, 278-6595.

Clayworks Group Show, Nov. 25-Dec. 20, University Union Exhibit Lounge, CSUS, Artist Reception: Nov. 27, 5-7pm, 278-6595

"What Do I Do?", an installation by Mario Lara, Nov. 2-Dec. 14, Institute for Design and Experimental Art, 3414 4th Avenue, Reception Nov. 2, 7-9pm, 452-0949.

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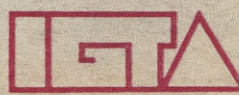


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